

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019
4:00 PM**

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

SUMMARY MINUTES

Members Present

Carlos A. Gimenez, Chair
Louis V. Martinez, Esq., Treasurer
James Wolfe, P. E., District VI Secretary
Shelly Smith Fano
Maritza Gutiérrez
Arthur J. Meyer
Luz Weinberg

Members Absent

Leonard Boord, Vice Chair

Staff

Javier Rodriguez, P.E., Executive Director
Marie T. Schafer, Director of Finance/CFO
Steve Andriuk, Director of Toll Operations
Carlos Zaldivar, General Counsel
Francine Steelman, Associate General Counsel
Helen Cordero, Manager of Procurement and Contracts Administration
María Luisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary

Consultants

Albert Sosa, HNTB (GEC-A)
Rick Crooks, EAC Consultants (GEC-B)
Randy Topel, Hilltop Securities
Edward Regan, CDM Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gimenez called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Gimenez asked Ms. Gutierrez to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Martinez moved to defer agenda item VIII. D Election of Officers. Ms. Smith Fano seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Martinez moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Ms. Smith Fano seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

DECLARATIONS OF VOTING CONFLICTS

No conflicts were declared.

CITIZEN COMMENT

No comments

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES

- Board Meeting of May 9, 2019

Mr. Martinez moved to approve the summary minutes. Ms. Smith Fano seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT & TPO REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Rodriguez briefed Members on the following matters:

- Continuing business as usual, moving forward with the construction on SR836, both projects will be closed out by the end of August 2019
- As mentioned in a letter to the TPO and Board of County Commissioners, several Projects that were going to be let for construction earlier this year have been placed on hold until the status of the Authority is defined; those projects are SW 82nd Avenue, SR 836 ramps to the Turnpike out to the extension, the first piece of the Kendall Parkway and the Express Bus Service.
- Kendall Parkway Update – Hearing of the CDMP is scheduled for July 15, 2019. The commitment to the community was to move the project forward. 110 acres have been

acquired/under contract and permitting has begun. The Project Impact Environmental Report has been completed and signed available for public viewing. He further stated the commitment to the community was to set toll rates equal to or less than the comparable trip on the Florida Turnpike, the finance plan called for fifty cents at each of the tolling locations.

The TPO adopted the FY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and had a long discussion on HB 385 and appointments by the TPO to the GMX. The TPO decided to wait for the bill to become law prior to advertising and appointing members.

As of today, HB 385 has not been signed by the Governor.
HB 385 was thoroughly discussed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s report was addressed with the Budget approval.

CONSENT AGENDA

A) Travel Approval

- July 10-12, 2019 Trip to Bonita Springs, Florida by Board Member Meyer and Executive Director Rodriguez to attend the Floridians for Better Transportation/ TEAMFL Meeting.

Mr. Martinez moved to approve the Consent agenda. Chair Gimenez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

A) Approval of Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Budget and Funding Requirements (endorsed by the Joint FPP&OECI Committee on 6/25/19)

Mr. Martinez informed member that preceding the Board meeting, the Annual Budget Workshop was held to discuss and endorse the FY 2020 budget. The purpose of the FY 2020 Budget is to predict the financial position of the Authority based on the forecasted revenues and projected expenditures. The FY 20 Budget: (1) ensures that all payment obligations are met; (2) allows timely management of the Authority’s finances; (3) ensures operational services to the public are achieved; and (4) provides transparency to the public.

Mr. Martinez asked Members if they had additional comments or questions regarding the Budget.

Ms. Weinberg asked, with all the promises and the proposed 25% reduction on HB 385, does the budget and work program work? Ms. Schafer responded “no: and that the capital program would have to be reduced.

Members thoroughly discussed the FY 2020 Budget, rating agencies downgrades and the cost of issuing Bonds.

Mr. Topel informed members that it took the Authority almost twenty years to achieve an “A1 rating” category and added that the debt service policy of 1.5 is what got the Authority to the A1 rating.

Mr. Martinez moved to approve the FY 2020 annual budget and funding requirements. Ms. Weinberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B) Approval of MDX FY 2020-2024 Five Year Work Program – Transportation Improvement, Capital Improvement and Renewal & Replacement Programs (\$1.3 Billion for the Five Years) (endorsed by the Joint FPP&OECI Committee on 6/25/19)

Mr. Martinez moved to approve the FY 2020 -2024 Five Year Work Program. Ms. Weinberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Gimenez asked for confirmation the Kendall Parkway Project is included in the FY 2020 - 2024 Five Year Work Program. Mr. Rodriguez confirmed it.

C) Approval of MDX Project Resolution 19-02 in Support of the Right of Way Program for MDX Project 83618, SR 836 Southwest Extension (Kendall Parkway). (Endorsed by the Joint FPP & OECI Committee on 6/25/19)

Mr. Martinez moved to approve Resolution No. 19-02. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D) Election of Authority Officers

The elections of officers were deferred.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A) Procurement Report

The Informational Item was not addressed

Mr. Regan addressed the Board regarding HB 385 and provided his opinion. He made reference to an e-mail he sent to the Legislators. Mr. Regan informed members of the future toll rates on SR 826 and entertained questions from Members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board Meeting, 8/27/ 19, 4:00 PM, William M. Lehman MDX Building – Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gimenez adjourned the Board Meeting.

Summary Minutes prepared by Maria Luisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary.