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

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022 9:00 AM

# WILLIAM M. LEHMAN MDX BUILDING 3790 NW 21<sup>ST</sup> 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**

Stacy Miller, P.E.

## **Staff**

Darlene M. Fernandez, P.E., Executive Director 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.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Board Member Monestime moved to approve the agenda. Vice Chairman Moss seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **DECLARATIONS OF VOTING CONFLICTS**

No conflict declared

Vice Chairman Moss asked what would be the process if a conflict was declared by a Board Member

# **CITIZEN COMMENT**

No comments

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

Chairman Diaz recommended approving Regular Agenda Items A-D, and the Consent Agenda together. Mr. Zaldivar read the Regular and Consent item on the record.

- A) Approval of the Executive Director's Employment Agreement
- B) MDX Procurement/Contract No.: ITB-22-02; MDX Work Program No.; 40045.060 Construction Services for the MDX Wrong Way Safety Program (\$2,365,109.50)
  - Approval of Contract Award
- C) MDX Procurement/Contract No.: RFP-22-01; MDX Work Program No. 83634.030 Design-Build Services for SR 836 New HEFT Ramp Connections (\$100,000)
  - Approval of Settlement Agreement
  - Approval of MDX Payment of \$100,000 to purchase OHL-USA's Proposal
- D) MDX Procurement/Contract No.: RFQ-19-03-A; Legislative Advocacy & Consulting Services (Not to Exceed \$240,000)
  - Approval of Two-Year Renewal Option and to Renegotiate the Method of Compensation

• Approval to Change the Renewal Period End Date to provide Coverage for Two Legislative Sessions (2023 and 2024)

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A) Travel Approval:
  - May 12-13, 2022 Trip to Fort Myers, Florida by Board Member Weinberg and Executive Director Fernandez to attend the TEAMFL quarterly meeting.

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

# **APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES**

• Board Meeting of January 28, 2022

Board Member Smith Fano moved to approve the summary minutes. Board Member Monestime seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A) Procurement Report

Informational Items were not addressed.

## **REPORTS**

A) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Weinberg highlighted the financials, for the nine month period through March 31, 2022, revenues were approximately 3% above the forecast. Traffic trends are also higher than the forecast. For the record, Treasurer Weinberg made reference to the Moody's report included in the agenda package, where MDX was mentioned on page 2 as follows;

"The Florida state legislature has become increasingly involved in toll setting, indicating a growing likelihood of political intervention, which could add risks for bondholders."...

"MDX's credit quality has weakened as a result of this political interference in its toll-setting process, resulting in multiple downgrades to its credit rating to date."

Chairman Diaz thanked Ms. Weinberg for the report. He stated MDX lost approximately \$160 million in savings not being able to restructure/refund debt.

[The Moody's report is filed with the Board Secretary]

Ms. Fernandez addressed the Board and expressed how grateful and honored she is to have been chosen the next Executive Director.

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

Summary Minutes prepared by MariaLuisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary.

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