

**GREATER MIAMI EXPRESSWAY AGENCY (GMX)
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025
9:00 AM**

The Greater Miami Expressway Agency held a public meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. The following were present:

Board Members Present:

- Daniel Iglesias, P.E.
- Edward Pidermann, Board Member – in attendance via phone
- Stanley Rigaud, Board Member
- Richard Blanco, Board Member (Secretary)
- Mariana “Marili” Cancio, Board Member (Treasurer)
- Rodolfo Pages, Board Member (Vice Chair)
- Fatima Perez, Board Member (Chair)

Staff:

- Rafael S. Garcia, Executive Director/CEO
- Claudio Diaferia, Chief Operating Officer
- Sandra Bridgeman, Director of Administration, Budget, Finance & Accounting/CFO
- Maria Luisa Navia Lobo, Board/Executive Secretary

Contracted Legal Counsel:

- Jason Gonzalez, Lawson Huck Gonzalez

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Iglesias led 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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Perez sets the agenda and asks for corrections or additions. No corrections are made.

DECLARATION OF VOTING CONFLICTS

Board Member Blanco declared a conflict with *Agenda Item VIII. E - E) GMX Procurement/Contract No. ITB 26-08 - Systemwide Structural Maintenance Services (\$3,480,802.00) - Approval of Contract Award to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder, P & P Contracting, Inc.*

[Form 8A memorandum of Voting Conflict attached to these minutes].

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

David Weston, 10411 SW 123 Street, Miami, FL.- addressed the Board.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

- Board Meeting of August 14, 2025
- Special Board Meeting of September 15, 2025

Treasurer Cancio moved to approve the summary minutes of August 14, 2025, Governing Board Meeting and September 15, 2025, Special Board Meeting. Vice Chair Pages seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

A) Travel Approval and Ratification:

- Travel for Executive Director Garcia, attended the Florida Transportation Commission Meeting in Auburndale, Florida, August 21–22, 2025.
- Approval of Travel for Executive Director Garcia attended the IBTTA Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado, October 12–14, 2025.

B) Approval of the Executive Director's Employment Agreement

C) 2026 Governing Board Meeting Dates

Mr. Gonzalez, GMX General Counsel, read the Consent agenda items on the record.

Treasurer Cancio moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Board Member Iglesias seconded the motion. The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

A) GMX Procurement/Contract No. RFP 25-03 – Design-Build Services for SR836, SR 874, and SR 924 Dynamic Message Sign (DMS) Installation (\$6,137,374.00).

- Approval of the Technical Evaluation Committee's (TEC) recommendation to select and enter into a Contract with the highest-ranked Proposer, SICE, Inc.

Executive Director Garcia introduces Item A on the regular agenda, relating to GMX procurement contract number RFP 2503 for design-build services, dynamic message sign installation. The technical evaluation committee's recommendation to select and enter into a contract with the highest ranked proposer, SICE, Inc.

Mr. Diaferia informed the Members about the design-build services for installing new arterial DMS. The project also includes replacing two older monochrome signs on the western end of SR 836, which are out of warranty and no longer supported. The work will require extensive coordination with FDOT, as many of the new signs will be located outside the state highway system. These signs will alert drivers to conditions such as congestion, crashes, traffic delays, or wrong-way drivers. All new devices will be integrated into the Traffic Management Center and operated like the existing systemwide signs.

Mr. Diaferia further noted that the price proposal of \$6,137,374 came in 23.4% below the engineer's estimate of \$8 million.

Board Member Pidermann moved to approve the contract award to SICE, Inc., and Board Member Blanco seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B) GMX Procurement/Contract No. RFQ 25-07 – Construction Engineering and Inspection (CE&I) Service for SR 836, SR 874 and SR 924 Dynamic Message Sign (DMS) Installation. (Not to Exceed \$1,441,629.00).

- Approval of the Technical Evaluation Committee's (TEC) recommendation to select and enter into a Contract with the highest-ranked Proposer, American Engineering Group, Inc.

Executive Director Garcia introduced Item B on the regular agenda, relating to GMX procurement contract number RFQ 25-07 for construction engineering and inspection services for the SR 836, SR 874, and SR 924 dynamic message sign installation. This item is also related to the previously discussed Agenda Item A. The Technical Evaluation Committee recommends selecting and entering into a contract with the highest-ranked proposer, American Engineering Group Inc.

Mr. Diaferia informed the Members that the firm will provide oversight for the installation of the DMS. The contract is for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1.44 million. Once approved, staff will enter into negotiations with the firm, not to exceed that amount. The not-to-exceed value is based on the engineer's estimate of the required hours and services.

Board Member Pidermann moved to approve the contract award to American Engineering Group, Inc., and Treasurer Cancio seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C) GMX Procurement/Contract No. RFQ 25-04 – Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the Partial Interchange at SR 112 and NW 37th Avenue. (Not to Exceed \$2,000,000.00)

- Approval of the Technical Evaluation Committee's (TEC) recommendation to select and enter into a Contract with the highest-ranked Proposer, Metric Engineering, Inc.

Executive Director Garcia introduced Item C on the regular agenda, GMX procurement contract RFQ 25-04, for the Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) study for the partial interchange at SR 112 and NW 37th Avenue. Staff is requesting the Board's approval of the Technical Evaluation Committee's recommendation to select and enter into a contract with the highest-ranked proposer, Metric Engineering, Inc. The scope of work includes conducting a PD&E study for the proposed partial interchange at SR 112 and NW 37th Avenue.

Mr. Diaferia explained that the Technical Review Committee had three members—two from GMX and one from FDOT—and all three scored the firms in the same order. Each member ranked Metric as the top firm based on their proposal. The recommendation is to award a contract for a not-to-exceed amount of \$2 million. He added that this will be very beneficial, as it's a major project that ties in with upcoming improvements on SR 112. It's also expected to help provide relief once the MFP comes online.

Treasurer Cancio inquired about plans to address the SR 112 and SR 836 bottleneck related to the MFP.

Mr. Diaferia informed the Members that GMX staff recently had a productive meeting with FDOT regarding the "Iron Triangle." Several alternatives were proposed, which will still go through a public comment process before a final decision is made. Several concepts are being proposed, including a flyover

at Le Jeune Rd., which would essentially extend SR 112 onto 36th Street. This is just one of the alternatives, and no final option has been selected yet. Other alternatives are also being considered, and the process is ongoing. GMX is fully supportive of the project.

Secretary Iglesias added to Claudio's comments, noting that there is a PD&E study in the area where Le Jeune, 36th Street, Okeechobee Road, and SR 112 intersect. FDOT has been coordinating with GMX on that improvement, as well as with this potential PD&E study. He noted that the two projects are expected to complement each other and help alleviate congestion in this heavily trafficked area. From a coordination standpoint, the projects need to remain closely aligned, and FDOT has been in regular contact with GMX staff as the contract moves forward.

He also highlighted that, when reviewing the technical evaluation scores, Metric Engineering received a solid lead—about six points above the second-ranked firm, indicating that the Technical Evaluation Committee felt strongly about Metric's capabilities as the top firm.

Board Member Iglesias moved to approve the contract award to Metric Engineering, Inc., and Board Member Blanco seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- D) GMX Procurement/Contract No. RFQ 25-08 - Design Engineering Services for the Widening of Eastbound SR 836 from SR 821/HEFT to East of NW 97th Avenue and Widening of Westbound SR 836 from West of HEFT to NW 87th Avenue. (Not to Exceed \$3,819,742.00)
- Approval of the Technical Evaluation Committee's (TEC) recommendation to select and enter into a Contract with the highest-ranked Proposer, BCC Engineering, LLC.

Executive Director Garcia introduced Item D on the regular agenda, GMX procurement contract RFQ 25-08, which pertains to Design Engineering Services for the widening of eastbound SR836, from SR821 to East of NW 97th Avenue, and the widening of westbound SR836, from West of the I-75 to NW 87th Avenue. GMX staff is seeking Board approval of the Technical Evaluation Committee's recommendation to select and enter into a contract with the highest-ranked proposer, BCC Engineering Inc.

On June 13, 2025, GMX released a Request for Qualifications seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide design engineering services for the widening of eastbound State Road 836. By August 7, 2025, five proposals had been received.

Mr. Diaferia showed the Members the project location for the design services for the widening of SR836. The project area is between what is referred to as Section Five, where the interchange between the Palmetto Expressway and 836 is located, and the recently completed GMX Project 836-34 at the Turnpike.

The project will address westbound afternoon congestion and lane-balancing issues on the eastbound on-ramp from NW 107th Avenue. All widening will occur within GMX right-of-way, expanding inward to avoid impacting the tolling gantry.

A newly formed Technical Evaluation Committee, with two GMX members and one FDOT member, unanimously ranked BCC Engineering Inc. as the top firm. GMX seeks Board approval to enter negotiations with BCC for a contract not to exceed \$3.8 million, which reflects the updated cost estimate since the last presentation to the Board.

Vice Chair Pages moved to approve the contract award to BCC Engineering LLC, and Treasurer Cancio seconded the motion. Board member Blanco abstained from voting. The motion was unanimously approved.

[Form 8A memorandum of Voting Conflict attached to these minutes].

E) GMX Procurement/Contract No. ITB 26-08 - Systemwide Structural Maintenance Services (\$3,480,802.00)

- Approval of Contract Award to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder, P & P Contracting, Inc.

Executive Director Garcia introduced Item E regarding GMX Procurement Contract Number ITB 26-08 for system-wide structural maintenance services. The item requires Board approval for contract award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, P & P Contracting, Inc. GMX released the Invitation to Bid on August 21, 2025, for qualified contractors to provide system-wide structural maintenance services. The scope of work includes miscellaneous structural maintenance and repair activities on bridges and signed structures.

Mr. Diaferia informed the Board that the Agency performs biannual inspections of all bridges and sign structures. These inspections generate a list of required preventive maintenance and structural repairs, in addition to any emergency repairs that may be needed, such as damage from collisions. This contract covers all system-wide structural maintenance services.

Four bids were received in response to the ITB on September 23, 2025. The lowest bid, submitted by P & P Contracting, Inc, the incumbent contractor, was \$3.48 million, which is 36% below the engineer's estimate of \$5.4 million. The contract is for four years, with two potential one-year extensions, and includes 15% small business participation. Mr. Diaferia stated that staff are comfortable moving forward with the contract award.

Board Member Iglesias moved to approve the contract award to P & P Contracting, Inc., and Treasurer Cancio seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

F) Approval of Fiscal Year 2025, Disposal of Fixed Assets

Executive Director Garcia introduced Item F regarding the approval of fiscal year 2025 disposal of fixed assets as part of the year end process. The agency's general engineering consultant is required to review and recommend fixed assets in construction and progress that meet the criteria of impairment guidelines and or disposal of assets. He asked Ms. Bridgman to provide further information. Ms. Bridgeman informed members that as part of the year-end asset review process, staff evaluated certain projects and equipment for impairment, disposal, or transfer. The purpose of this review is to ensure that our financial statements accurately reflect the value of our assets and that resources are appropriately allocated.

For fiscal year 2025, total asset disposals amounted to \$282,274. This included \$187,376 related to the removal of Project 40054-000, SR 874/878 Interchange Ramp Improvements, from the FY 2026–2060 Work Program, and \$94,898 for the disposal of impaired headquarters equipment. In addition, the agency recorded a \$943,039 contribution of roadway and signalization assets to Miami-Dade County for improvements constructed on county-owned right of way as part of Project 83634-001, SR 836 New HEFT Ramp Connections.

Vice Chair Pages moved to approve the FY 2025, disposal of fixed Assets and Treasurer Cancio seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Garcia reported that since the last Governing Board Meeting, the majority of the funds owed by Miami-Dade County to GMX have been received and deposited. This includes the \$8.2 million contribution, as well as approximately \$4.9 million related to the HEFT ramp and SR 836/34 projects. These funds have now been paid to GMX and have been tied into the real estate closings for the sale of parcels to the Miami-Dade Aviation Department.

Mr. Garcia further noted that several of these parcels closed on Friday. One parcel remains, pending final paperwork from FDOT, and it is expected to close soon. He emphasized that the County funds have now been received.

Vice Chair Pages stated that this is a major win and expressed appreciation for the way the agency and staff handled the matter, describing the approach as mature and straightforward. He emphasized that recovering the funds owed is an absolute win and sets the agency on a strong path forward.

Mr. Garcia informed Members that he participated in the quarterly meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission (FTC) in August, held at the Suntrax testing facility in Auburndale. The meeting reviewed statewide transportation policy matters, presentations from Florida's expressway and tolling authorities, and the annual Transportation Authority oversight report. GMX, along with other agencies, presented financial performance, capital programs, governance practices, and statutory compliance.

GMX's presentation highlighted strong operational performance, a toll collection rate above 95%, continued progress on toll system modernization, and completion of key maintenance projects. Participation reinforced GMX's commitment to transparency, accountability, and alignment with statewide priorities.

Mr. Garcia also attended the 93rd Annual IBTTA Conference in Denver, which brought together transportation and tolling professionals from Florida, the U.S., and Europe to discuss innovation, technology integration, customer engagement, and user-financed infrastructure. The conference emphasized industry trends in operational excellence and innovation, and GMX remains well-positioned to align with these trends while advancing safe, efficient, and sustainable mobility for South Florida.

Treasurer Cancio asked Ms. Bridgeman to present the financial update. Ms. Bridgeman reported that preliminary financial trends for fiscal year 2025 are very positive, although the auditors have not yet issued their final opinion. Overall, all transactions are trending upward. Revenues remain steady, expenses have decreased, and net revenue is higher, reflecting strong operational performance.

She further noted that debt obligations are well-managed, with schedules in place to meet all requirements. Ms. Bridgeman highlighted a significant improvement in the debt-to-operating revenue ratio.

Vice Chair Pages asked for a brief update on the MFP .

Mr. Diaferia reported that comments on the traffic model were submitted ahead of schedule and that the focus is now on completing and accurately representing the model. A follow-up meeting on the pedestrian bridge is planned, with updates to be provided at the next Board meeting. Engineering reviews are underway to identify critical issues and recommend acceptable alternatives.

Board Member Iglesias added that both GMX and the team are prioritizing model-centric comments to reach a conclusive understanding of traffic impacts. About 13 such comments still require evaluation on the FDOT side. Secondary issues are being set aside to focus on results needed for traffic-mitigation discussions. The model review is expected to take one to two weeks, after which FDOT hopes to verify the results and proceed with a coordinated, multi-agency discussion involving GMX and Miami-Dade County.

Treasurer Cancio asked for an update on the double decker and the signature bridge,

Mr. Diaferia informed Members that the new Chief Engineer, Andres Berisiartu, reported that all major

engineering challenges, especially those involving the viaduct, have been resolved, and the project is now focused on construction. Although the contractor recently faced gantry equipment issues, progress should improve once work reaches the straight section of the alignment. The viaduct cannot be fully completed until it connects to the Signature Bridge, requiring close coordination with FDOT to ensure both sides advance together.

A dedicated team continues working hard to move the project forward as quickly as possible.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – No Board Action Required

A) Procurement Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Projects Workshop 1: Monday, December 1, 2025, at 9:00 am
- Governing Board Meeting: Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 9:00 am
- Projects Workshop II: January 12, 2026, at 9:00 am

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am

Summary Minutes are 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

FORM 8A MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR STATE OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME BLANCO, JR RICHARD	NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE GMX
MAILING ADDRESS 10470 SW 109TH ST.	NAME OF STATE AGENCY
CITY COUNTY MIAMI, FL MIAMI-DADE	MY POSITION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED 10-21-25	

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8A

This form is for use by any person serving at the State level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, committee, or as a member of the Legislature. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

ELECTED OFFICERS:

As a person holding elective state office, you may not vote on a matter that you know would inure to your special private gain or loss. However, you may vote on other matters, including measures that would inure to the special private gain or loss of a principal by whom you are retained (including the parent or subsidiary or sibling organization of a principal by which you are retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. If you vote on such a measure or if you abstain from voting on a measure that would affect you, you must make every reasonable effort to disclose the nature of your interest as a public record in a memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who shall incorporate the memorandum in the minutes. If it is not possible for you to file a memorandum before the vote, the memorandum must be filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting no later than 15 days after the vote.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only your father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with you as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

A member of the Legislature may satisfy the disclosure requirements of this section by filing a disclosure form created pursuant to the rules of the member's respective house if the member discloses the information required by this subsection, or by use of Form 8A.

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APPOINTED OFFICERS:

As a person holding appointive state office, you are subject to the abstention and disclosure requirements stated above for Elected Officers. You also must disclose the nature of the conflict before voting or before making any attempt to influence the decision by oral or written communication, whether made by you or at your direction.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only your father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with you as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes.
- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION OR VOTE AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF STATE OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Richard Blanco Jr, hereby disclose that on October 21, 20 25:

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of MILLER LEGG, INC., by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which is the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

- RFQ 25-08

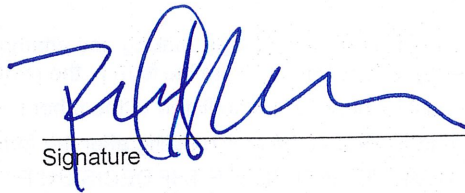
- A SUBCONSULTANT TO CHA CONSULTANTING INC, A RESPONDANT TO RFQ -25-08 IS MILLER LEGG.

- I AM A BUSINESS PARTNER AT INTERNS GROUP, A FIRM THAT PROVIDES SUPPORT TO MILLER LEGG FOR IT SERVICES.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

10/21/25

Date Filed



Signature

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