

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026
9:00 AM

The Greater Miami Expressway Agency held a public meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, the following were present:

Board Members Present:

- Carlos M. Cortina, Board Member
- Enrique I. Espino, P.E., Board Member
- Daniel Iglesias, P.E., Board Member
- Edward Pidermann, Board Member
- Richard Blanco, Secretary – in attendance via-phone
- Mariana “Marili” Cancio, Treasurer
- Rodolfo Pages, Vice Chair
- Fatima Perez, Chair

Board Members Absent:

- Stanley Rigaud, Board Member

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 – in attendance via phone

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Pages 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. The agenda was unanimously adopted.

Chair Perez reminded Board Members of the Oath of Office taken upon joining the Greater Miami Expressway Agency Governing Board, emphasizing the commitment to serve the public interest with integrity, impartiality, and transparency. She stated that, as stewards of a State of Florida agency, all

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decisions must be based solely on their merits and in the best interest of the organization and the community.

She emphasized the importance of identifying and avoiding conflicts of interest—actual, potential, or perceived, and encouraged prompt disclosure and, when appropriate, recusal in accordance with applicable laws and policies. She noted that maintaining public trust depends on adherence to these principles.

Chair Perez also reminded all interested parties of GMX’s Lobbyist Registration Policy, which requires individuals, firms, or entities engaging in lobbying activities with GMX to register prior to any lobbying contact, including communications intended to influence Board, management, or staff decisions on procurement, contracts, legislation, or policy. She advised that additional information is available at www.gmx-way.com or via email at info@gmx-way.com

DECLARATION OF VOTING CONFLICTS

Board Member Blanco declared a conflict with **Agenda Item III. C - GMX Procurement/Contract No. RFQ-26-03 – Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for SR 836/Dolphin Expressway from West of SR 826/Palmetto Expressway to East of SR 953/Le Jeune Road, GMX Work Program No. 83635-000 (Not to Exceed \$3,672,134.00)**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

- Board Meeting of February 12, 2026

Board Member Pidermann moved to approve the summary minutes of February 12, 2026, Governing Board Meeting. Treasurer Cancio seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

A) GMX Procurement/Contract No. RFP-26-02 Design-Build Services for Systemwide Blind Spot Cameras and Camera Lowering Device Replacement, GMX Work Program No. 40060-001 (\$4,447,525.65)

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

Executive Director Garcia introduced Item A regarding the Technical Evaluation Committee’s recommendation to select the highest-ranked proposer, RTech Engineering, and authorize contract negotiations.

On November 3, 2025, GMX issued RFP No. 26-02 seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide design-build services for systemwide blind spot cameras and camera-lowering device replacement. The scope includes the design, furnishing, installation, integration, testing, and commissioning of closed-

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circuit television cameras along State Road 924, State Road 112, State Road 836, State Road 874, and State Road 878 at multiple locations, as well as replacement of existing camera-lowering devices at locations specified by the Agency.

Mr. Diaferia provided additional background, explaining that the project will enhance systemwide monitoring by addressing existing coverage gaps. In coordination with the TMC, staff identified 46 locations requiring additional cameras to achieve full system visibility; these locations will also be shared with FDOT personnel.

He further noted that the project includes replacing outdated camera-lowering devices to improve maintenance efficiency.

Six proposals were received, and staff recommends award to R Tech Engineering based on prior experience and satisfactory performance.

Board Member Pidermann moved to approve the Technical Evaluation Committee's recommendation to select and enter into a contract with the highest-ranked proposer, Rtech Engineering LLC. Vice Chair Pages seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B) GMX Procurement/Contract No. ITB-26-01 Construction Services for Systemwide Milling and Resurfacing, GMX Work Program No. 30044-000 (\$1,341,561.63)

- Approval of Contract Award to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder, General Asphalt CO, LLC.

Executive Director Garcia introduced Item B regarding approval of a contract award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, General Asphalt Company.

On February 3, 2026, GMX issued ITB No. 26-01 seeking bids from qualified contractors to provide systemwide milling and resurfacing services. The work includes all labor, materials, equipment, traffic control, and incidentals necessary to mill and resurface mainline and ramp pavements across 11 segments throughout the GMX system. The project is intended to preserve roadway conditions, enhance safety, improve friction and drainage, and maintain consistent travel paths while minimizing traffic impacts.

Mr. Diaferia explained that following the Agency's transition away from an asset maintenance structure, asphalt work had remained the only major maintenance function not under a standalone contract, as it had previously been handled through active construction projects.

He stated this contract is intended to address a backlog of localized pavement deficiencies identified through the pavement condition report, including small repairs resulting from incidents such as vehicle fires and localized surface distress. The work will be systemwide and sporadic in nature, rather than large-scale paving operations.

He noted the bid received was 5.76% above the engineer's estimate. General Asphalt Company, a reputable contractor with statewide FDOT experience and prior work for the Agency, is recommended

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for award. A subsequent contract will address ongoing maintenance needs after completion of this effort.

Board Member Pidermann moved to approve the contract award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, General Asphalt Co., LLC. Treasurer Cancio seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C) GMX Procurement/Contract No. RFQ-26-03 – Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for SR 836/Dolphin Expressway from West of SR 826/Palmetto Expressway to East of SR 953/Le Jeune Road, GMX Work Program No. 83635-000 (Not to Exceed \$3,672,134.00)

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

Executive Director Garcia introduced Item C regarding approval to negotiate and enter into a contract with The Corradino Group for PD&E study services for SR 836 (Dolphin Expressway), in an amount not to exceed \$3,672,134. The objective of the PD&E study is to evaluate and develop improvements aimed at alleviating existing congestion within the corridor.

Mr. Diaferia emphasized the importance of the PD&E study for the continued modernization of SR 836, highlighting prior improvements including the 836/28-29 widening project, the 395 Signature Bridge Project, the 836/34 interchange improvements at the Turnpike, and the ongoing widening project between 87th Avenue and the Turnpike. He noted that congestion issues remain at 57th Avenue and that studying impacts at LeJeune Road is critical due to the MFP initiative.

Mr. Diaferia stated that six proposals were received and, following a close evaluation process, The Corradino Group was recommended for selection in an amount not to exceed \$3.67 million. The contract term would be 36 months, with efforts to expedite the study. He added that the study would include short, mid-and long-term improvement recommendations, subject to financing considerations.

Board Member Pidermann moved to approve the Technical Evaluation Committee's (TEC) recommendation to select and enter into a Contract with the highest-ranked Proposer, The Corradino Group, Inc. Board member Blanco abstained. Board Member Iglesias seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Garcia reported that GMX continues to operate smoothly across all functional areas, with no disruptions to report. He noted that Fitch Ratings affirmed GMX's A- rating on approximately \$1.1 billion in revenue bonds with a stable outlook and recognized the agency's inspection practices and commitment to operational excellence.

He also stated that GMX continues advancing systemwide safety initiatives, including efforts to address wrong-way drivers through enhanced detection, prevention, and motorist awareness measures, and asked the Chief Operating Officer to provide additional details on the initiative.

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Mr. Diaferia reported an increase in wrong-way driving incidents at certain locations on the system, though no accidents have resulted. He explained that GMX is implementing additional safety measures beyond standard requirements, including enhanced signage, flashing lights, strobe lights, and live camera monitoring by TMC operators. He noted that particular attention is being given to the eastbound SR 836 off-ramp near Dolphin Park-and-Ride and Telemundo Way, where recurring incidents have occurred. He added that GMX is taking proactive steps to improve safety and reduce wrong-way entries.

Ms. Bridgeman presented the Interim Financial Report, noting revenues remain slightly below projections due to collection delays and SunPass user behavior. She stated that lowering the registration hold threshold from \$5,000 to \$3,000 has improved collections and reduced receivables. She added that staff continue to monitor performance and see gradual improvement in revenue collection.

Vice Chair Pages expressed concern regarding the registration and pay-by-plate processes, noting the issue is becoming more significant over time. He stated that, although other agencies face similar challenges, the trend in the numbers is concerning for the Board and should be prioritized at a higher level.

Treasurer Cancio stated that the registration and toll-by-plate issues are systemwide and appear to be driven in part by lack of public awareness, particularly among younger drivers who are not using SunPass. She noted that some users may not understand the cost savings of SunPass or assume enforcement will not impact them. She recommended strengthening education and marketing efforts to encourage SunPass registrations, emphasizing its affordability and potential for savings. She added that GMX should take more proactive outreach rather than relying solely on enforcement.

Executive Director Garcia informed Members that GMX staff have been coordinating with sister agencies and noted that the issue is a nationwide trend, with smaller agencies being more significantly impacted. He stated that efforts are underway to encourage SunPass registration through outreach and education, including a recent event at FIU focused on student engagement, registration, and awareness of cost savings. He noted continued challenges with user behavior and emphasized the need to adapt outreach strategies to better reach younger users. He added that additional coordination and working groups on this issue are planned at the upcoming Team Florida meeting.

Board Member Iglesias emphasized the need for strategic marketing effort to reach younger users regarding SunPass adoption. He referenced similar initiatives by Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, including targeted sponsorships and high-profile events aimed at engaging a broader and younger audience. He stated that education remains a key component and reiterated the importance of communicating the convenience and benefits of SunPass.

Members thoroughly discussed SunPass and Toll by plate issue.

Executive Director Garcia reported that staff are working on strategies ranging from education and outreach to potential enforcement options. He noted that Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) has expressed willingness to partner with GMX if enforcement actions are needed. He added that outreach is being conducted in Spanish, Haitian Creole, and English, and stated that GMX is closely monitoring the issue in line with national trends and will keep the Board informed.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – No Board Action Required

A) Procurement Report

Board Member Espino expressed strong support for the Kendall Parkway project and asked that the Board direct staff to schedule the next workshop on the project as soon as possible. He referenced prior Board direction from the August 2025 meeting and noted that several items had been tabled, including geotechnical contracts that were subsequently paused. He asked that the Board consider authorizing staff to proceed with the awarded geotechnical contracts and to advance right-of-way acquisition for the initial segment between 137th Avenue and 157th Avenue. He emphasized the project's importance and urged continued progress to move it forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Budget Workshop: Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 9:00 am
- Governing Board Meeting: Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 9:00 am

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Perez adjourned the meeting at 9:51am

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 SMY GOVERNING BOARD	
MAILING ADDRESS 10470 SW 109TH ST		NAME OF STATE AGENCY SMY	
CITY MIAMI, FL.	COUNTY MIAMI-DADE	MY POSITION IS: ☐ ELECTIVE ☒ APPOINTIVE	
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED 4-14-26			

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.

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 APRIL 14, 20 26:

(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 INTERNOS GROUP, LLC, 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:

- A RESPONDANT TO ITEM JC ON OUR APRIL AGENDA,
CTS ENGINEERING, USES A SUB-CONSULTANT CALLED
MILLER LEGG & ASSOCIATES INC.

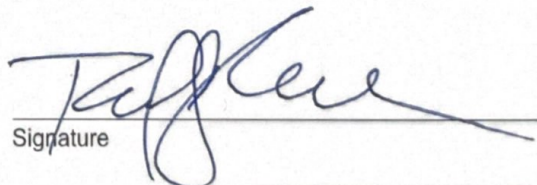
- MILLER LEGG & ASSOC IS PROVIDED IT SUPPORT AND
IS A CLIENT OF INTERNOS GROUP, OF WHICH I AM
EMPLOYED.

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.

4-14-26

Date Filed

Signature



NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.