

**21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 10, 2019**

The 21st Century Schools Bond Advisory Committee (Committee) met on December 10, 2019 in conference Room 916 of the School Board Administration Building. Vice Chair Lerner called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Committee Members

Ms. Cindy Lerner, Vice Chair
Mr. Francis Ragoo
Mr. Juan Del Busto
Dr. Jaap Donath
Mr. T. Willard Fair
Mr. Roger Cuevas
Dr. Sean Foreman
Mayor Anthony Defillipo

Mr. Frank Bolanos
Mr. Alfred Billings
Mr. Jack Lowell
Ms. Gepsie Metellus
Rev. Guillermo Revuelta
Mr. Erick Wendelken
Mr. Allen Rubin
Ms. Julie Williamson

**Ex-Officio Non-Voting
Members**

Mr. Jaime G. Torrens
Mr. Raul Perez
Mr. Ron Steiger
Ms. Maria T. Gonzalez
Ms. Mary Cagle

Committee Alternates
Ms. Serena Paramore

Miami-Dade County Public School Attendees

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman,
Board Member
Mr. Carl Nicoleau
Mr. Tony Vu
Mr. Victor Alonso
Ms. Jennifer Andreu
Ms. Elizabeth Soto
Mr. Neil R. Singh
Ms. Tabitha Fazzino
Mr. Mauricio Lotero
Ms. Carlota Noguera

Ms. Addys Lopez
Mr. Jerold Blumstein
Ms. Francys Vallecillo
Ms. Patricia Betancourt
Mr. Thomas Knigge
Mr. John-Philip lafelice
Mr. Richard Benvenuti
Ms. Jenny Murillo
Mr. Jon Goodman

Other Attendees

Recording Secretary
Ms. Denise Castillo

Ms. Cindy Lerner called the meeting to order and welcomed the Committee. Acknowledging a quorum, Ms. Cindy Lerner asked for a motion to approve the September 24, 2019 meeting minutes. Before the motion Ms. Maria Gonzalez pointed out that the date on the meeting minutes was incorrect on the first page and that on page four, there was a zero missing. The correction was noted, and a motion was made by Mr. Juan Del Busto, seconded by Ms. Julie Williamson and passed unanimously.

Mr. Raul Perez opened with introducing himself and explaining that there would be an update provided by the Office of School Facilities, the Office of Economics and Opportunities, and the Office of Treasury Management. Mr. Perez went over the rendering for MAST @ FIU and stated that it would be opened in January 2021.

Mr. Jack Lowell asked if there will be cross-over classes with the University and Mr. Raul Perez expressed that there will be cross-over classes. Mr. Perez expressed that some of the students are sharing the science labs that were built.

Mr. Cindy Lerner asked who would be eligible to attend the new MAST @ FIU Magnet school.

Mr. Jaime Torrens expressed that the new MAST @ FIU Magnet school, is a Districtwide school.

Mr. Raul Perez provided an update on the status of GOB projects, years 1 through 5 and accelerated scope projects. Mr. Perez went over the projects that have been completed, nearing completion and discussed that the projects that are coming up.

Mr. Juan Del Busto wanted to find out if there were any issues with the projects in year 3 and year 4 since they are still in pre-design or if it was part of the timeframe?

Mr. Raul Perez advised that with year 4, it was part of the timeframe but that with year 3, he could provide him with the details. He further explained there might have been a few projects that changed the consultant and would have caused a delay in the project.

Mr. Juan Del Busto expressed that he just wanted to make sure there is proper documentation show why projects have been delayed in case anyone in the community has any questions about the schedule of projects.

Mr. Jaime Torrens and Mr. Raul Perez confirmed that there is documentation that shows why projects have been delayed.

Mr. Juan Del Busto asked if this concludes all the projects on the list? Mr. Raul Perez expressed that it was the full list of projects at the time the list was completed but there have been new projects added as pullouts and other projects due to additional funds that have come in.

Board Member Dr. Larry Feldman asked if all the projects that have been completed, received all the scope identified that was originally for each one of the projects or if it is still elongated?

Mr. Raul Perez expressed that there are some that have been elongated but that 95% have been completed.

Board Member Dr. Larry Feldman asked a follow up question wanting to know if those projects that did not receive all the scope, are being tracked

Mr. Raul Perez stated that there is a watch list that is keeping track of all the projects that need additional scope but did not have the funding available. He explained with the upcoming GOB funds they will be looking at those projects to see what can be done.

Board Member Dr. Larry Feldman asked if there are any schools in Miami-Dade County that are not identified on any of the list.

Mr. Raul Perez expressed there are schools that were never apart of the GOB Program because they are newer schools that had been completed a few years before the bond was passed.

Dr. Larry Feldman asked about the schools that have not received their technology upgrades and are waiting for the upgrades.

Mr. Raul Perez stated that schools have a technology upgrade cycle for the smart boards and the computers but those are not apart of the Bond. The technology upgrades are part of the regular general revenue.

Dr. Larry Feldman asked if he could presume that all funding will be enough to complete all identified deficiencies for each school.

Mr. Jaime Torrens stated the list they had in 2012 identified all the deficiencies that were to be corrected with the Bond and have kept true to that and have gone beyond the expectations on a lot of schools.

Dr. Larry Feldman stated that he just wanted to make sure everyone is on the same page and when the school system says that they will be upgrading lights to LED that it is getting done.

Mr. Jamie Torrens stated that LED lighting is a good example and that they are looking at several options and they are looking at different contractors but not just through the GOB to address some of those items that may not have been caught through the GOB.

Ms. Cindy Lerner asked what the process is for the vendors. Is there a process to make sure what was promised, was delivered?

Mr. Jack Lowell expressed that the GOB Bond has been a success that he is sure the Superintendent has gone around showing the community what has been done.

Mr. Raul Perez expressed that we currently have GOB events called groundbreaking and Ribbon cuttings to let the community know of the progress that is being made and expressed that information is also sent through social media. Mr. Perez also expressed that there is the adopt-a-school program.

Mr. Francis Ragoo stated that he has adopted three schools. He stated that he felt the one that was of course was Norland SHS. Mr. Ragoo stated that the marquee is in the corner but that it is not servicing the community. He also stated that there is a security concern because students have to exit one building to get into the other building. He also pointed out that there is a boy's bathroom that currently has no urinals.

Mr. Raul Perez expressed that he does receive a report from each of the walkthroughs including the concerns that have been brought up. Once he receives the concerns, he goes over those concerns to see how they can be addressed.

Mr. Allen Rubin expressed that he wanted to know where John F. Kennedy is on the list of schools?

Mr. Raul Perez expressed that John F. Kennedy is a year 3 project and would be awarded at the December 2019 Board Meeting.

Mr. Allen Rubin stated that when he spoke to the principal, he would like to see the marquee higher up. One thing that Mr. Allen Rubin felt needed renovation was the auditorium but that it was not included in any of the scope.

Mr. Raul Perez expressed that at John F. Kennedy there will be additional funding coming up in the next couple of years.

Mr. Juan Del Busto expressed that he appreciates Board Members Adopting Schools, but he stated before they decide to move a marquee or fix an auditorium, it is important to look at all schools and see what the priorities are before deciding what will get done.

Mayor Anthony Defillipo expressed that they were asked to do a duty and come back to report the concerns that were found at the schools.

Ms. Cindy Lerner expressed that they do keep track of the concerns and that even though they do not always get addressed during Phase I that they do end up getting addressed during Phase II or even Phase III.

Mr. Jaime Torrens expressed how he is grateful that they are going out there adopting schools. Mr. Torrens explained that when the Gob Bond first started there were 2.1 billion in deficiencies. When the Gob was passed by the voters, it was passed for 1.2 Billion to address the highest needs including safety to live, building envelope and environmental issues.

Dr. Larry Feldman stated that he feels it would be very helpful if there was a check off list for all the project to show where they are with the project and keep track of what is still pending.

Mr. Raul Perez continued to provide an update on the status of GOB projects, years 1 through 5, Pullout projects and accelerated scope projects. Mr. Perez also went over the Sixth Annual Report and the external audit that had been completed.

Ms. Cindy Lerner asked for a motion to approve the Sixth Annual Report, a motion was made by Mr. Jack Lowell, seconded by Mr. Francis Ragoo and passed unanimously.

Ms. Jennifer Andreu, of the Office of Economic Opportunity, gave an overview on the pre-qualified firms and which ones have graduated to a different category. Ms. Andreu

expressed that there are 164 firms that have already received work. Ms. Andreu went over the different outreach programs that they are coordinating to add more firms to the program.

Mr. Juan Del Busto asked if there is a way to see how many firms are submitting bids?

Ms. Jennifer Andreu stated that is the data that they are looking at and they will be able to share that data. Ms. Andreu went on to explain they are doing different events and matchmaking events to get more firms to help bring up the number of firms in any category that is below certain numbers. In terms of certifications, currently there are over 1,072 certified firms. MS. Andreu went over the future plans of the OEO department and how they want to have 2000 firms by 2020.

Mr. Tony Vu, of Office of Treasury Management, went over the question that was asked regarding the GOB Interest Income during the September 2019 meeting. Mr. Vu also went over the projection of the next GOB sale.

Having exhausted all the agenda topics, the Vice Chair Ms. Cindy Lerner, reminded the Committee that the next meeting would be held on March 10, 2020.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:31 p.m.

Approved:



Mr. Roberto Martinez, Chair

Date: 3/10/20