

**21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – April 19, 2022 ROOM 916**

The 21st Century Schools Bond Advisory Committee (Committee) met on April 19th, 2022 in Room 916. Vice Chair Willard T. Fair called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

Committee Members

Mr. Roberto Martinez, Chair (Zoom)	Mr. Alfred Billings
Mr. T. Willard Fair, Vice Chair	Mr. Mario Bailey
Rev. Guillermo Revuelta	Dr. Nancy Lawther
Ms. Julie Williamson	Mr. Anthony Dawsey
Ms. Carol Graham Wyllie	Dr. George Koonce
Ms. Gepsie Metellus	Mr. Francis Ragoo
Mr. Roger Cuevas	Dr. Sean Foreman

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members

Mr. Jose L. Dotres
Mr. Raul Perez
Mr. Felix Jimenez
Mr. Ron Steiger

Committee Alternates

Ms. Sharon Watson
Ms. Serena Paramore

Miami-Dade County Public School Attendees

Ms. Mari Teri Rojas, Board Member	Ms. Jennifer Andreu
Ms. Nathaly Simon	Ms. Jenny Murillo
Ms. Margarita Betancourt	Mr. Jerold Blumstein
Mr. Jeff James	Ms. Tabitha Fazzino
Ms. Martha Montaner	Mr. Rick Yanez
Mr. Brandon Cintron Gerena	Mr. Neil Singh

Other Attendees

Recording Secretary

Ms. Denise Castillo

Mr. T. Willard Fair called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm and welcomed the Committee. Acknowledging a quorum, Mr. Fair asked for a motion to approve the December 7, 2021, meeting minutes. A motion was made by Rev. Guillermo Revuelta, seconded by Ms. Gepsie Metellus and passed unanimously.

Mr. Raul Perez opened with a brief review of the agenda for the 21st Century Schools Bond Advisory Committee Meeting. Mr. Perez started to provide an update on the status of GOB projects, years 1 through 5 and accelerated scope projects.

Superintendent Jose L. Dotres introduced himself and provided background information on his career path. Dr. Dotres acknowledged the Committee Members and thanked them for the work they are doing.

Mr. Perez continued to give the GOB project update for years 1 through 5 and accelerated scope projects. Mr. Perez explained that there are a few issues that are causing delays with the projects:

- 1- Supplies
- 2- Manufacturing Issues
- 3- Staffing

Mr. Ragoo asked if they are still within their budgets or if they are having to dip into the reserves. Mr. Perez expressed that they are still within their budget and still have GOB

reserves if needed.

Ms. Metellus asked Mr. Perez regarding the zone mechanic training. Mr. Perez explained that Mr. Nicoleau is transitioning from zone mechanics to resident mechanics, and he will start staffing positions as resident mechanics. There would be one resident mechanic at each campus who would be addressing smaller issues at the school and also keeping track of all the deficiencies. Mr. Perez stated that he would have Mr. Nicoleau come back to do a follow-up presentation.

Dr. Dotres expressed that they are looking at doing apprenticeships for certain positions instead of having to wait until the current employee resigns or retires to advertise the position that has been opened.

Board Member Rojas expressed that she wanted to make sure that all the buildings are safe after what happened at Surfside. Ms. Rojas requested a status report on inspections of all the buildings and schools operated by Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Mr. Perez explained that they looked at the procedures in place for inspections. Mr. Perez explained that the State requires that the Department of Education complete an Educational Plant Survey every 5 years. Every 5 years the District puts together a team to inspect half of the schools and facilities with this process, all schools and facilities are being inspected every 10 years which is more frequent than the 40-year inspections that are required.

Mr. Perez continued to provide information on the accelerated/complimentary projects. Mr. Perez expressed that they have several portables that are not being used and that are in terrible shape, so they are being removed but there are a lot more to go. Mr. Martinez asked how many schools still have portables. Mr. Perez stated that he believes there are under 70 schools that have portables left and explained that there are a few that are still in use but some of them are not. Mr. Martinez asked if any of those portables are being used for classrooms. Mr. Perez stated that he believes there are a handful of portables still being used as classrooms.

Mr. Foreman asked if they have seen an increase in property insurance due to the improvements of safety and structural integrity. Mr. Perez stated that he was not aware of an increase, but Mr. Ron Steiger stated that the property insurance is based on total insurance value and the market value. Mr. Steiger stated that, with the overall increase in construction, the insurance has increased.

Mr. Perez provided information on the accelerated/complimentary projects breakdown. Mr. Perez continued with the presentation and spoke about the GOB Expenditures. Ms. Williamson asked Mr. Perez about the 5-year replacement of the electronic whiteboards and if the technology expenditures would be used to replace the boards that were installed early on.

Mr. Bailey asked Mr. Perez if they were still planning on having the technology vision plan that was discussed in the previous meeting. Mr. Perez explained that they tried to schedule it for the current meeting, but the department of Technology had to present the vision plan to the Board prior to presenting it in this meeting. Mr. Koonce stated that he

felt the educational department should be a part of that presentation since they drive some of that effort.

Mr. Perez continued to discuss the GOB Expenditures and Contracted slides. Ms. Lawther stated that the bond covered \$1.2 billion but that it did not meet the needs of the district which were estimated to be about \$2.0 billion. Ms. Lawther asked once the bond funds are exhausted, what would be the plan going forward to cover the previously unmet needs and to also cover the new needs. Mr. Perez expressed that the \$1.2 billion was correct and that the total picture was roughly around \$2.0 billion. Mr. Perez explained that they did make a few millions on the bond because the market was good at the time that they were sold. They also have the Capital Construction funding. The Capital Plan has identified some of the projects that were not identified by the bond. Mr. Martinez asked what the bonding capacity left is and what the bond rate looks like and when they plan to go back to the market? Ms. Betancourt explained that they are working with their financial advisors now and are going to market for the \$270 million that remain in June with a closing date of July. Ms. Betancourt explained that it is a timing issue and that you do not want to go out to market too early because it will cost the taxpayers. Ms. Betancourt stated that she could provide them with additional information and Mr. Martinez agreed that he would like that information.

Mr. Perez explained that in 2021, Board Member Ms. Luisa Santos brought forward a Board item to establish a Clean Energy 2030 task force. The task force purpose was to conduct a review of current sustainability measures across all departments and develop a clean energy implementation. The Clean Energy presentation was received by the Board in the January Board Meeting. Mr. Perez introduced Mr. Erick Lavature. Mr. Lavature presented the Clean Energy 2030 presentation and presented the Clean Energy 2030 final report that was passed at the Board Meeting.

Mr. Martinez asked if they have a policy in place about schools leaving their lights on at night and expressed that he was asking because he sees lights on at night at school sites. Mr. Martinez expressed that he asked about that a couple of years ago and was told that it was due to security. Mr. Perez stated that there is no policy that he knows of. Mr. Martinez asked if they should have a policy to have the lights off by a certain time. Mr. Perez agreed. Mr. Martinez asked if Raul could get back to him regarding a policy. Board Member Rojas stated that there are schools that have night school which would explain why the lights would be on.

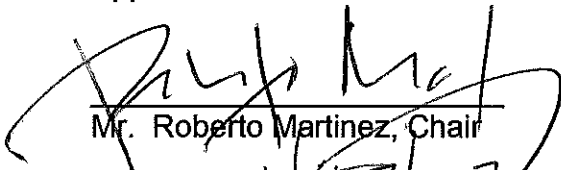
Mr. Lavature continued with his Clean Energy 2030 presentation and explained the different ways recommendations are being implementing at existing buildings and new construction. Mr. Foreman asked Mr. Lavature about the solar panels on the playgrounds and asked how many the District currently has. Mr. Lavature explained that currently they have about 18 locations that have the solar panels in a pilot program with Florida Power & Light. The solar panels were only for educational purposes. Mr. Bailey asked if they currently power any of their school sites and if there is a plan to do so. Mr. Lavature explained that currently they do not power very much outside of Florida Power & Light. There is a project in the planning phase to be a net zero building which will be the first. Mr. Lavature completed his presentation.

Mr. Perez introduced Ms. Jennifer Andreu to provide the OEO update. Ms. Andreu, from the Office of Economic Opportunity, started with the infographic slide and moved onto the GOB Prime Expenditures summary. Ms. Andreu reviewed the certified firms and stated that the prequalified firms have stayed the same as mentioned at the previous meeting. Ms. Andreu also reviewed the contractor pre-qualification dashboard, as well as the compliance update regarding certifications and goals established for firms. Ms. Andreu reviewed slides regarding compliance and upcoming events.

Having exhausted all the agenda topics, the Vice Chair Mr. T. Willard Fair, reminded the Committee that the next meeting would be held on June 14, 2022.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:35 p.m.

Approved:


Mr. Roberto Martinez, Chair
Date: 1/17/23