

**21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SCHOOLS BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 14, 2022 ROOM 916**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Bond Advisory Committee (Committee) met on June 14, 2022 in Room 916. Chair Roberto Martinez called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Committee Members**

Mr. Roberto Martinez, Chair  
Mr. Stephen Hunter Johnson  
Ms. Julie Williamson  
Ms. Carol Graham Wyllie  
Ms. Gepsie Metellus (Zoom)

Mr. Alfred Billings  
Mr. Mario Bailey (Zoom)  
Dr. George Koonce  
Dr. Sean Foreman  
Mr. Jack Lowell

**Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members**

Mr. Raul Perez

**Committee Alternates**

Ms. Sharon Watson

**Miami-Dade County Public School Attendees**

Ms. Nathaly Simon  
Ms. Margarita Betancourt  
Mr. Jose Gonzalez  
Ms. Marlene Hernandez  
Mr. Jon Goodman  
Mr. Carl Nicoleau  
Mr. Gene Baker

Ms. Jennifer Andreu  
Ms. Jenny Murillo  
Ms. Tabitha Fazzino  
Mr. Rick Yanez  
Mr. Neil Singh  
Mr. Daniel Mateo

**Other Attendees**

**Recording Secretary**

Ms. Denise Castillo

Mr. Roberto Martinez called the meeting to order and welcomed the Committee. Acknowledging there is no quorum, Mr. Martinez asked Mr. Raul Perez to start the meeting.

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

Mr. Jack Lowell asked Mr. Perez how we are keeping track of the schools that have projects but are not GOB funded. Mr. Perez explained that Dr. Gallon had a Board item H-8 requesting information for all the GOB and Non-GOB projects. Mr. Perez stated that the H-8 report would be shared with the Committee once it was presented to the Board.

Mr. Martinez asked Mr. Perez if there will be additional projects after the 80 pending projects have been completed. Mr. Perez stated that there will probably be more projects that are considered as pullout projects. Mr. Perez continued to give the GOB project update for years 1 through 5 and accelerated scope projects. Mr. Martinez asked if they will be getting rid of the remaining portables. Mr. Perez said yes they will be getting rid of the remaining portables. Mr. Perez continued to go over the status of the year 4 and 5 projects along with the accelerated scope projects.

Mr. Perez discussed the GOB expenditures and contracted numbers. Mr. Lowell asked Mr. Perez about the funds that will be needed for the remaining projects. Mr. Perez explained that, in addition to the funds that they have left, they also have the premium

that they received from the sale of the bonds. Mr. Perez also added that they were getting ready to sell the final bonds. Mr. Perez continued to discuss the GOB expenditures.

Mr. Perez went over the portable update that was requested in the previous GO Bond Advisory Meeting. Mr. Lowell asked if the portables had been offered to the community, Mr. Perez stated that they did but that the portables do not meet the current codes.

Mr. Perez introduced Ms. Margarita Betancourt from the Treasury department to provide an update regarding the finance plan. Ms. Betancourt stated that they had \$1.2 billion and stated that they had issued a little over \$929 million in par with \$270 million in par remaining to be issued. Ms. Betancourt stated that they would be going to the Board in June for the approval of the sixth and final sale. She stated that it looked like they would be selling at a premium which would be around \$20 million, and they had received \$85 million with the first five sales. Mr. Lowell asked what they would be paying, and Ms. Betancourt replied they would be paying 5%. Mr. Martinez asked what was the lowest that we have been able to sell at, and Ms. Betancourt stated that they have been selling between 3.5% and 5%.

Mr. Perez introduced Mr. Daniel Mateo and Mr. Gene Baker from the Technology and Education department. Mr. Mateo presented the Next-Gen Edtech Vision that had been requested at a previous GO Bond Advisory Meeting. Mr. Mateo went over the vision of the future of technology that is being projected for the next 5 years and technology tools of the future. Mr. Jack Lowell asked if the students are getting laptops and Mr. Mateo stated that students that do not have devices at home have been assigned laptops. Ms. Williamson asked if teachers were being trained with the new process and Mr. Mateo stated that they have been trained. Mr. Mateo and Mr. Baker continued to provide information on the network hardware upgrades. Mr. Sean Foreman asked how they were paying for the promethean boards and Mr. Baker stated that they are using ESSER funds. Mr. Mateo and Mr. Baker continued with the presentation.

Mr. Perez introduced Mr. Carl Nicoleau. Mr. Nicoleau provided an update on the resident mechanic program. Mr. Nicoleau stated that they have 65 mechanics and 19 new ones in the pipeline. Mr. Martinez asked Mr. Nicoleau if there would be one resident mechanic at each school and Mr. Nicoleau stated that is the goal. Mr. Nicoleau also stated that depending on the square footage, they might have one resident mechanic for two schools. Mr. Martinez asked Mr. Nicoleau when he feels that he will reach that goal. Mr. Nicoleau stated that he is hoping to reach that goal within the next three years.

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.

Mr. Stephen Hunter Johnson asked Ms. Andreu if the certification processing is electronic. Ms. Andreu stated that it is electronic. Ms. Andreu stated that they also have

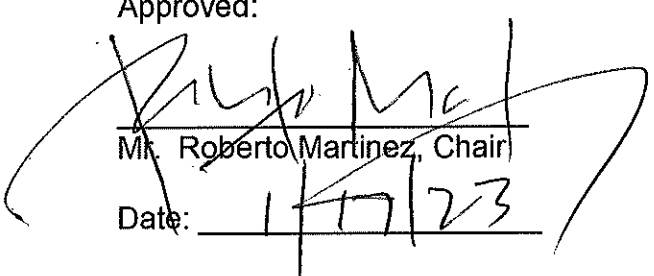
certification days where they will meet with businesses and, if they have all their documentation, they will certify them within 30-45 minutes.

Mr. Martinez stated that the current GOB is going to come to an end in about two years and that it has only covered level 1 and level 2 needs. Mr. Martinez asked if there has been talk about the next phase. Mr. Perez stated that there has not been any talk about that but that the 5-year educational plant survey has started. That survey will provide us with updated deficiencies that will be added to the deficiency database. After that, we will continue with the Capital Plan that is different from the Bond. The Capital plan has about \$700 million for the next five years. There will be additional projects through that Capital Plan.

Having exhausted all the agenda topics, the Chair Mr. Roberto Martinez, reminded the Committee that the next meeting would be held on September 13, 2022.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:06 p.m.

Approved:



Mr. Roberto Martinez, Chair

Date: 1/17/23

