

**MINUTES
MID-BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026**

**CITY OF NICEVILLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
208 NORTH PARTIN DRIVE
NICEVILLE, FLORIDA**

I. OPENING

Members present: James D. Neilson, Jr.
 James T. Wood, Jr.
 Kim Wintner
 Robert Marinan

Member absent: Gordon E. Fornell

Also present: Van Fuller Executive Director
 Michelle Anchors Legal Counsel
 Bryant Paulk FDOT Ex officio, non-voting
 Cathy Demoreski Administrative Assistant

II. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no visitors or members of the press present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting – December 11, 2025

A motion to approve the December 11, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Marnin with a second by Mr. Wintner and a 4-0 vote was taken for approval.

IV. TREASURERS REPORT

In Mr. Fornell’s absence the Treasurer’s Report for December 2025 was presented by Mr. Wood. Account balances were:

FNBT Bank	\$	356,747.61
Regions		\$38,520,092.06

Mr. Wood made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Reports for December 2025 with a second by Mr. Marinan and a 4-0 vote was taken for approval.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A. Operations. Mr. Fuller provided updates on traffic, revenue, Florida Power & Light (FP&L) fiber installation status within the Mid-Bay Bridge, financial statements, and the ongoing 2025 financial audit.

B. Election of Officers

1. Resolution 2026-01

Mr. Marinan recommended that the current slate of Officers be retained for 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Marinan to elect Mr. Nielson, Chair, Mr. Wood, Vice-Chair and Mr. Fornell, Secretary/Treasurer, for 2026 and adopt Resolution 2026-01, with a second by Mr. Wood and a 4-0 vote was taken for approval.

C. Signature Authorization

1. Resolution 2026-02

Ms. Anchors recommended the Authority approve the annual FNBT Bank Signature Authorization for the checking and savings accounts to reflect the elected 2026 Officers.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood with a second by Mr. Marinan to adopt Resolution 2026-02 for FNBT Bank Signature Authority and a 4-0 vote was taken for approval.

VI. LEGAL COUNSEL

A. Executive Director Authorization for Mid-Bay Bridge Authority Projects. Ms. Anchors recommended the Authority renew the Executive Director Authorization to avoid delays awaiting review and approval by the Authority or the need for special meetings at short notice, with specific authority within the already approved Budget to act to approve actions to keep the projects of the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority moving forward. The Sunshine Law requires that the Board members not discuss issues among themselves that could at any time require a vote, so use of e-mail to approve proposed actions is not appropriate. Acknowledging such Authority formally permits the Executive Director to address matters immediately, although such action would be subject to review and ratification at the next meeting of the Authority. Mr. Fuller and Ms. Anchors confer regularly, and this suggestion is made only to continue to meet the objective of the Authority in moving the projects forward.

A motion was made by Jim Wood with a second by Mr. Wintner to approve the Executive Director Authority for 2026 and a 4-0 vote was taken for approval.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

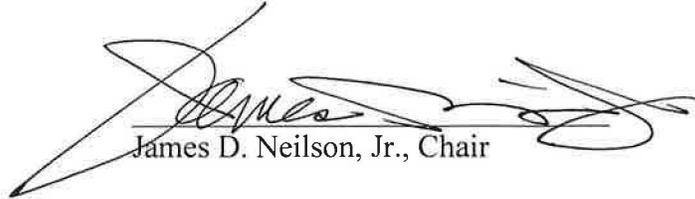
VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The next regular meeting of the Authority will be held on **Thursday, February 19, 2026**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Destin City Hall Board Room, Destin, Florida.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:08 a.m.

Approved this 19th day of February 2026.



James D. Neilson, Jr., Chair