



# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15(C)1

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez and  
Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 5, 2026

FROM: Honorable Juan Fernandez-Barquin  
Clerk of the Court and Comptroller

SUBJECT: Appointments to the Port of Miami  
Crane Management, Inc. Board of  
Directors

Basia Pruna, Director  
Clerk of the Board

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners consider the appointment of the following nominees to fill two (2) existing vacancies on the Port of Miami Crane Management, Inc. (PMCM) Board of Directors:

- Eugene Dixon
- Gerard van den Heuvel

Resolution No. R-671-99 created the PMCM as a not-for-profit corporation responsible for managing maintenance and repair services for the Seaport Department's cranes. In accordance with the PMCM's Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Directors consists of five members, two of whom are appointed by the Board.

Attached is Honorable Danielle Cohen Higgins' memorandum nominating the aforementioned qualified candidates for appointment, along with copies of their resumes for your review.

Attachment

# Memorandum



**Date:** March 26, 2026

**To:** Basia Pruna, Director  
Clerk of the Board Division

**From:** Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins  
Chair, Aviation and Seaport Committee

**Subject:** Appointment of Voting Members to Port of Miami Crane Management, Inc. Board of Directors

The Board of County Commissioners Resolution R-671-99 established the Port of Miami Crane Management, Inc. (Company), a not-for-profit private corporation to manage the maintenance of the Seaport's gantry cranes. In accordance with the By-Laws of the Company, the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint two of its five (5) voting directors to the Board of Directors.

Towards this effect, as Chair of the Port and Resiliency Committee, I nominate Mr. Eugene Dixon, President, ILA Local 1416 and Mr. Gerard van den Heuvel, CEO, Port of Miami Terminal Operation Co. for a term of (2) years. Attached are the resumes of Mr. Dixon and Mr. van den Heuvel.

Mr. Eugene Dixon  
President, ILA Local 1416  
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Mr. Gerard van den Heuvel  
CEO, Port of Miami Terminal Operation Co.  
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Miami, FL 33132  
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Should you need additional information, you may contact PortMiami Director/CEO Hydi Webb at 305-347-4907/hydi.webb@miamidade.gov.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Danielle", written over a horizontal line.

Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins  
Chair, Aviation and Seaport Committee

# *EUGENE DIXON*

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## **PROFILE**

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Highly motivated, detail oriented, ethical, dependable professional with over three decades as a member of the International Longshoremen's Association Local 1416. Outstanding relationship building skills.

## **EXPERIENCE**

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**International Longshoremen's Association, Local 1416, Miami, Florida**

*President*

*07/2023–Present*

- Organize and facilitate board meetings, strategic planning sessions, and annual conferences
- Developed policies, procedures, and short- and long-term goals for Local 1416
- Provide leadership and guidance on budgeting decisions to maximize union resources available
- Manage ILA member personnel issues including recruitment and training
- Monitor legislative changes that could affect Local 1416 operations or payroll
- Diminish regulatory risks by strict adherence to safety regulations
- Ensure compliance for all members of Local 1416 with regulatory requirements and ethical standards of operations.

**International Longshoremen's Association, Local 1416, Miami, Florida**

*Vice-President*

*07/2020–7/2023*

- Manage financial operations, budgeting, forecasting and financial analysis activities
- Act as a liaison between federal, state and municipal agencies regarding union issues
- Directed business development initiatives
- Supported the Local 1416 President with day-to-day operations: supervising staff, scheduling internal and external meetings
- Strategized and implemented plans to transform and revitalize operations
- Collaborated with Local 1416 executive team on major decisions
- Prepared reports as well as verbal and written correspondence on behalf of the President
- Maintained vital fiscal records and accounts

**International Longshoremen's Association, Local 1416, Miami, Florida**

*Recording Secretary/Business Agent*

*12/2016–12/2020*

- Ensured all meeting documents are properly organized, archived and updated
- Received and submitted payments, accurately tracked payroll and issued receipts
- Facilitated the resolution of labor disputes through mediation and arbitration
- Organized meetings with union representatives to discuss collective bargaining agreements
- Negotiated wages, benefits, working conditions, and other terms in the collective bargaining agreements

- Developed and maintained professional relationships with elected officials and state /local media
- Maintained records of all union-management communications

**International Longshoremen’s Association, Local 1416, Miami, Florida**

***Audit Committee***

***12/2012-12/2015***

- Ensure Local 1416 audits are conducted yearly
- Review all disbursements, receipts and IRS compliance
- Measures are in place to protect the day-to-day administrative responsibilities of the union members
- Develop policies for travel, compensation, computer access and local grievance handling policies

**International Longshoremen’s Association, Local 1416, Miami, Florida**

***Trustee Committee***

***12/2003-12/2006***

- Ensured the Local 1416 union’s funds and other assets are properly accounted for and used solely for the benefit of the union and its members
- Ensured compliance that Local 1416 complied with legal requirements for financial reporting, recordkeeping, bonding, and loans
- Determined internal financial controls were adequate or needed improvement
- As a Trustee, ascertained whether Local 1416 complied with the financial practices and procedures

**EDUCATION**

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Florida International University, Miami, FL  
BA – Finance 05/2011

Miami-Dade College, Miami, FL  
Associate of Arts – Finance 05/2005

Miami Beach Senior High School, Miami Beach, FL 05/1984

# Gerard van den Heuvel

## Educational background:

1978-1983:

- Merchant Marine Academy “De Ruyter”, Flushing, the Netherlands  
This Academy is comparable to the Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy in New York.  
Upon finishing the 5-year education, I received my master’s degree in Maritime Transport and Business Administration, as well as my 3rd Mate’s License.

1983-1985

- Royal Dutch Navy Officer training.  
In 1983 I was drafted into the Royal Dutch Navy as a Junior Lieutenant and received additional courses in transportation and logistics administration as well as general Navy readiness training.  
I ended up as the Junior Officer in charge of the Port Operations Dept, running the day-to-day operations of the tugboat assignment, port administration and berth assignments for the port of Den Helder. The Netherlands largest Navy Port.

1995- 1997

- Sealand/ CSX Executive Leadership management program. This program was intended for future executives to develop under the mentorship of one of the Executives of the Sealand organization.  
My assigned Executive mentor was Mr. James C McKenna.  
Mr. McKenna is currently the President and CEO for the Pacific Maritime Association.

2013/2014

- The Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania (Finance)  
During my time as CEO of DP World Peru, I attended the executive finance and economy courses at Wharton School of Business.  
This is a full 6 month expedited executive course culminating with two weeks of onsite classes and final exams.
- Languages (Fluent): English, Spanish, Dutch, German

## Experience Summary

Over 35 years of experience in Ports & Terminal, Transportation and Logistics Business Management with various levels of P&L responsibilities.

The last 23 years have been in Senior and Executive management levels of the organization overseeing Shareholder and Stakeholders' interests, Government relations, strategy design and implementation, Business Planning and expansions, Commercial and Operational efficiency improvements, Change Management, Automation, Union negotiation, Business development.

Management experiences include:

- Negotiation strategies *and implementation of union and labor contracts* in **USA, Canada**, Europe, South America, and Asia
- Representing DP World interest and lobby with the various local, regional, and national Government entities, in the countries that I was responsible for.
- Working with and on various Boards of Directors, Port Authorities and Government Agencies as partners or equity owners, worldwide.
- CEO reporting to and Director on various boards.
- M&A Strategy leader for several projects over the past 20 years.
- Managing complex Terminal and Logistics integrations and P&L, Executive management leadership of multiple companies
- Extensive international, hands-on, operational and implementations experience in a variety of regions and leadership roles.
- Terminal Project Implementation management and *Terminal and Passenger Operations* Design, including semi-automated operations.
- Manage the strategic operational needs for Sealand, CSXWT , **CSX World Crane services**, globally and Regional and local for DP World.
- Work jointly and managing sales and marketing management to create and Manage customer services needs and create innovative services to promote growth.
- Extensive international, hand-on, operational and implementations experience in a variety of regions and management of day-to-day terminal and vessel operations and P&L management.
- Working with various Boards of Directors, Port Authorities and Government Agencies as partners or equity owners, worldwide.

### **Senior Executive Leadership History**

<u>Port Of Miami Terminal Operating Company</u>		
CEO POMTOC	Miami, FL Unites States	07/24 - current
<u>DP World Canada</u>		
COO Ports and Terminals Canada	Vancouver, Canada	04/22- 07/24
<u>DP World (Middle East and Africa)</u>		
CEO DPW Sokhna Terminal	Sokhna, Egypt	01-21 – 04/22
General Manager DPW Egypt	Cairo, Egypt	
<u>DP World (Americas)</u>		
CEO DPW Peru (2&3 PL business units in Peru and Paita Terminal)		06-18 – 01-21
General Manager DPW Callao	Callao, Peru	04/11 - 06-18
Regional Director Operations Americas	Charlotte, N.C. USA	01-10 - 04-11
<u>D.P World (Asia)</u>		
CEO SPCT Terminal	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	02/10 – 12/10
Director Operations	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	05/08 – 02/10

### **Senior Management Leadership History**

<u>Maersk, Inc. (APM Terminals)</u>		
Director Operations North America	Charlotte, NC	04/07-05/08
G.M. Business Development	Charlotte, NC	05/05- 04/07
<u>CSX World Terminals, LLC/Sea-Land Services, Inc.</u>		
Director Operations	PNC, Pusan, South Korea	01/02- 05/05
CEO World Cranes services	Pusan/Shanghai	01/02- 01/04
Director Operations	Charlotte, NC (Global)	12/99- 01/02

### **Management History**

<u>Sea-Land Services, Inc.</u>		
G.M. Operations Venezuela & Colombia	Valencia, Venezuela	01/98- 12/99
Manager Global Terminal Operation	Charlotte, NC	02/95- 01/98
Terminal Ops/Marine Manager	Houston, TX	11/93- 06/95
Marine Ops Manager	Charleston, SC	04/89- 11/93
<u>Nedlloyd Lines, Inc.</u>		
Nedlloyd Representative/Operations Mgr.	Charleston, SC	05/86- 04/89
Port Captain	New York, NY	10/85- 05/86
<u>Royal Dutch Navy</u>		
2nd Lieutenant	Den Helder, The Netherlands	02/83-02/85