

Bernardo Ayala serves as Chief Executive Officer at Grupo Mexico Transportes U.S.A. (GMXT U.S.A), a holding company which manages Florida East Coast Railway (FEC), Texas-Pacifico Railroad, Intermodal Mexico U.S.A. (IMEX U.S.A), and regional trucking company Raven Transport. In this position, Bernardo is responsible for the strategy, operations, sales, and financial performance of GMXT U.S.A.

Prior to serving as CEO of GMXT U.S.A., Bernardo spent more than 16 years at Union Pacific Railroad in various roles including VP Mexico, AVP Network Operations & Locomotive Distribution, AVP Strategic Planning & Intermodal Excellence, and other managerial field positions on carload and intermodal operations; Bernardo attended Union Pacific's Manager Trainee Program. Bernardo spent time at the former National Railway of Mexico before their privatization, where he gained hands-on experience as a hostler and switchman, and post-privatization in Ferromex at the onset of its operations in its Law Department and later as AVP Government Affairs.

Bernardo was Chairman of the Board for the Brownsville & Matamoros Bridge Company, was a Board Member of Ferromex (Mexico's largest rail concessionaire of which Union Pacific Railroad owns 26%), as well as member of the board for the American Chamber of Commerce Mexico (AMCHAM), and head of its Vigilance Committee. Bernardo was an active member of the Security Committee for the United States – Mexico CEO Dialogue (subset of the U.S. – Mexico High-Level Economic Dialogue) and lead multiple cross border improvement initiatives to facilitate trade between the U.S. and Mexico.

Bernardo holds a Juris Doctor Degree from Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City, a master's degree in Law from Northwestern University School of Law, and certificate in Business Administration from the Kellogg School of Management. Bernardo recently completed an Executive Education Program on Finance at Stanford Business Graduate School.