

Dianoush Dion Emami Highlights the Value of Clarity in High-Pressure Leadership

The longtime executive says strong leadership often comes down to knowing what deserves attention and what can wait.



Los Angeles, California Oct 29, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - [Dianoush Dion Emami](#) has spent more than four decades working in environments where decisions can carry significant consequences, but one of the leadership practices he values most is surprisingly simple: creating enough clarity to identify what matters most.

As Chief Executive Officer of Parkia, Inc., Emami oversees an organisation operating in a demanding industry where leaders regularly balance people, budgets, schedules, safety, and long-term business priorities. His experience has reinforced a belief that effective leadership is not about reacting to every issue at once. Instead, it requires separating genuine priorities from the noise that naturally builds around a busy organisation.

"When everything feels important, nothing actually is," Emami said. His approach is to step away from competing demands, identify the largest risk or opportunity in front of him, and focus attention there

before moving to the next issue.

Making Space to Think

Modern executives have access to more information than previous generations of leaders could have imagined. Email, messaging platforms, dashboards, reports, meetings, and real-time business data can all be useful, but they can also make it harder to determine which issue deserves immediate attention.

When the volume becomes distracting, Emami deliberately creates distance from it. He may take a short walk, spend time quietly observing what is happening around him, or find somewhere away from phones, email, and other interruptions. The purpose is not to delay a difficult decision but to create enough separation to consider it properly.

That habit reflects a larger approach to leadership built around prioritisation rather than constant reaction. Emami believes leaders have to resist allowing the loudest issue of the day to automatically become the most important one.

Turning Personal Clarity Into Team Clarity

Identifying a priority is only part of the process because the people responsible for carrying out the work also need to understand where their attention should go.

Each week, Emami defines the most important objectives for the business and communicates them to his leadership team. The practice gives managers a clearer understanding of what deserves attention and helps prevent teams from spending too much time on competing priorities that may not contribute to the organisation's larger goals.

For Emami, clarity is closely connected to accountability. When expectations are communicated early, teams can make better decisions independently because they understand what the organisation is trying to accomplish.

This becomes increasingly important as a company grows. Informal communication may be enough when only a few people are involved, but larger organisations require leaders to be intentional about keeping departments and individuals moving toward the same objectives.

Experience Does Not Mean Having Every Answer

Another lesson Emami has carried through his career is that leadership does not require pretending to have expertise in every area.

Earlier in his professional journey, he recognised the importance of strengthening areas such as financial infrastructure, forecasting, cost controls, and bonding capacity. Rather than trying to manage those areas alone, he sought out people with deeper expertise and treated strong financial systems as part of operational excellence.

That experience shaped a broader view of leadership in which good decision-making includes knowing when another person's knowledge is needed.

Emami applies the same principle to developing people. Throughout his career, he has placed significant emphasis on mentoring engineers, project managers, safety leaders, and other

professionals, with the belief that strong organisations are built by strengthening the people responsible for running them.

Leadership Built for the Long Term

Emami's career has included electrical engineering, contract administration, business development, and executive leadership before and during his time leading Parkia. Across those roles, his responsibilities have expanded from solving technical problems to guiding teams, allocating resources, managing risk, and making decisions with long-term consequences.

That progression has shaped how he defines success. Rather than viewing it only through growth or individual accomplishments, Emami places value on building organisations, systems, relationships, and reputations that can endure.

For leaders facing an increasingly crowded stream of information and demands, his approach offers a straightforward reminder. More activity does not automatically create better leadership, and more information does not always create better decisions. Sometimes the most useful thing a leader can do is identify what matters most, communicate it clearly, and give the right people room to act on it.

About Dianoush Dion Emami

Dianoush Dion Emami is the Chief Executive Officer of Parkia, Inc. and an electrical engineer with more than 40 years of experience in the utility energy sector. His career has included roles with Bechtel Power Corporation, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and Henkels & McCoy, Inc. before becoming CEO of Parkia in 2014. His professional background spans electrical engineering, utility infrastructure, business development, project oversight, contract administration, and executive leadership.

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