



Record of Meeting | September 15, 2022

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority's ("Tollway") Board of Directors met in special session on Thursday, September 15, 2022. The meeting was held pursuant to the By-Laws of the Tollway upon call and notice of the meeting executed by Chair Dorothy Abreu and posted in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1, *et seq.*

Due to necessary precautions relating to COVID-19, in accordance with the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation and current conditions, and consistent with the Open Meetings Act, it was determined by Chair Abreu that an in-person meeting of the body was neither practical nor prudent. In compliance with all conditions of Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(e), the Board meeting was conducted by audio conference. A telephone access number was provided for members of the public to monitor and/or participate in the meeting.

[*Bolded entries indicate issues which may require follow-up to present or report to the Board.*]

Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Abreu called the meeting to order at approximately 10:41 a.m. Chair Abreu asked the Board Secretary to call the roll, those Directors present and absent being as follows:

Board Members Present:	Board Members Not Present:
Chair Dorothy Abreu	Governor JB Pritzker [<i>ex officio</i>]
Director James Connolly	Secretary Omer Osman [<i>ex officio</i>]
Director Alice Gallagher	
Director Jacqueline Gomez	
Director Karen McConnaughay	
Director Scott Paddock	
Director James Sweeney	
Director Gary Perinar [<i>participated briefly for vote on Engineering Items 4 and 5</i>]	

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

Chair Abreu welcomed newly appointed Executive Director Cassandra Rouse.



Chair Abreu introduced Lt. Ken Benson, Illinois State Police District 15, to provide a safety message.

Safety Message

Lt. Benson stated that vehicular traffic is increasing as the state and country move forward from the COVID-19 pandemic. Lt. Benson reiterated the importance of driving safely and cautiously while reacclimating to heavy traffic, and he encouraged motorists to increase following distance to allow for adequate time to reduce speed, slow or stop. He additionally reminded drivers to stay calm when driving, and in instances when encountering road rage, to create distance and call 911. Lt. Benson also encouraged motorists to obey the work zone speed limits and be alert to adjusted traffic patterns.

Chair Abreu thanked Lt. Benson and District 15 for their efforts.

Public Comment

Chair Abreu opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Neil Nuzz addressed the Board. Mr. Nuzz expressed concerns about the reliability of I-Pass transponders when traveling by motorcycle. Executive Director Rouse responded that staff would reach out to Mr. Nuzz post-meeting with information about placement and securing of transponders on motorcycles.

Chair's Items

Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board of Directors Meeting held August 18, 2022, the Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held August 18, 2022, and the Minutes of the Special Board of Directors Meeting held August 24, 2022.

Chair Abreu entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 1**, the Minutes of the Special Board of Directors meeting held August 18, 2022, the Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held August 18, 2022, and the Minutes of the Special Board of Directors meeting held August 24, 2022, as presented. Director Connolly made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney, Chair Abreu (7)

Nays: (0)



The motion PASSED.

Item 2: Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session of the Special Board of Directors Meeting held August 18, 2022, and the Minutes of the Executive Session of the Special Board Meeting held August 24, 2022.

Chair Abreu stated that without objection, action on Chair's Item 2, concerning the minutes of closed meetings, will be deferred until after consideration in the Executive Session.

Item 3: Committee Reports

Chair Abreu dispensed with committee reports, noting that all Directors were present for the committee meetings.

Chair Abreu stated that without objection, the agenda will be reordered to first enter into Executive Session before proceeding with items for consideration.

Executive Session

Chair Abreu called for a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to exceptions provided in Sections 2(c)1, 2, 8, 11 and 21 of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)1, 2, 8, 11 and 21, to consider Tollway matters related to personnel, collective bargaining, security procedures, pending or probable litigation, and the minutes of closed meetings. Director Connolly made a motion, pursuant to the sections specified, to enter Executive Session, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney, Chair Abreu (7)

Nays: (0)

The motion PASSED.

At approximately 10:48 a.m., the Board entered into Executive Session.

Return from Executive Session and Action (if any)

At approximately 12:40 p.m., the Board re-entered the public session of the Meeting.

Chair Abreu turned the floor over to Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse.



Executive Director's Items

Executive Director Rouse expressed her gratitude to the Board of Directors for the opportunity to lead the Agency as it continues delivery of key initiatives to the region. Ms. Rouse noted the recent opening of the I-294/I-57 Interchange and highlighted its benefit to regional economic development.

Executive Director Rouse recognized Tollway equipment operator/laborer Keith Olsen for his dedication and heroism in rescuing a Tollway customer from a burning vehicle. Ms. Rouse thanked Tollway staff and first responders for their commitment to safety for all Tollway patrons.

Executive Director Rouse, having no further items to report, returned the floor to Chair Abreu.

Chair Abreu stated that without objection the agenda will be reordered to take the Engineering Items first. She stated that Engineering Items 1 and 2 will be deferred to a future meeting.

Items for Consideration

Engineering

[DEFERRED] Item 1: Award of Contract I-21-4832 to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC for Roadway Reconstruction and Widening on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 25.0 (Hinsdale Oasis) and Mile Post 26.4 (47th Street) in the amount of \$97,432,590.86. [Recusal: Chair Abreu]

[DEFERRED] Item 2: Award of Contract I-21-4833 to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC for Roadway and Bridge Reconstruction and Widening on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 26.4 (47th Street) and Mile Post 27.8 (Ogden Avenue) in the amount of \$104,068,807.95. [Recusal: Chair Abreu]

Item 3: Change Order / Extra Work Order on I-20-4533 to Judlau Contracting, Inc. for Roadway and Bridge Widening and Reconstruction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 32.4 (St. Charles Road) and Mile Post 33.5 (North Avenue) in the amount of \$6,700,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$114,680,284.50 to \$121,380,284.50. [Recusal: Chair Abreu]

Item 4: Extra Work Order on I-21-4582 to Lorig Construction Company for Roadway and Bridge Reconstruction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 30.3 (Ramp F, South of I-290) and Mile Post 32.3 (South of St. Charles Road) in the amount of \$2,800,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$45,221,316.45 to \$48,021,316.45. [Recusal: Chair Abreu, Director Sweeney]



Item 5: Extra Work Order on I-20-4519 to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC for Roadway and Bridge Reconstruction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 22.3 (75th Street) and Mile Post 24.1 (I-55 Ramps) in the amount of \$2,000,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$128,086,231.39 to \$130,086,231.39. [Recusal: Chair Abreu Director Sweeney]

Item 6: Change Order / Extra Work Order on I-20-4518 to Walsh Construction Company II, LLC for Roadway Reconstruction and Widening on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 19.3 (Plaza 39) and Mile Post 22.3 (75th Street) in the amount of \$1,704,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$74,362,081.55 to \$76,066,081.55. [Recusal: Chair Abreu]

Item 7: Change Order / Extra Work Order on RR-21-9230 to Marking Specialists Corporation for Pavement Marking, Systemwide in the amount of \$487,750.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$1,473,555.65 to \$1,961,305.65. [Recusal: Chair Abreu]

Item 8: Acceptance of Proposal from Singh & Associates, Inc./A. Epstein & Sons International, Inc. (TM) on Contract RR-21-4804 for Design Services, Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$4,496,515.00. [Recusal: Chair Abreu]

Item 9: Acceptance of Proposal from Lakeside Engineers, LLC on Contract I-22-4852 for Design Services Upon Request on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00. [Recusal: Chair Abreu]

Item 10: Acceptance of Proposal from Bloom Companies, LLC on Contract I-22-4853 for Design Services Upon Request on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00. [Recusal: Director Gallagher]

Item 11: Acceptance of Proposal from Collins Engineers, Inc. on Contract RR-22-4846 for Construction Management Upon Request, Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00.

Item 12: Acceptance of Proposal from DAMA Consultants, Inc. on Contract RR-22-4848 for Construction Management Upon Request, Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00. [Recusal: Chair Abreu]

Item 13: Acceptance of Proposal from Patrick Engineering, Inc. / Engineering Design Source, Inc. (TM) on Contract RR-22-4849 for Design Services Upon Request, Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00.



Item 14: Acceptance of Proposal from Material Solutions Laboratory on Contract RR-22-4850 for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Construction Management Upon Request, Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00.

[Director Perinar joined the meeting by phone at this time.]

Chair Abreu noted that she and Director Sweeney have indicated in advance their wish to recuse themselves on Engineering Items 4 and 5. She requested that these items be taken first.

Chair Abreu entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Item 4**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Perinar (6)

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Director Sweeney, Chair Abreu (2)

The motion PASSED.

Chair Abreu entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Item 5**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Perinar (6)

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Director Sweeney, Chair Abreu (2)

The motion PASSED.

Chair Abreu thanked Director Perinar for making himself available.

[Director Perinar exited the meeting at this time.]

Chair Abreu noted that Director Gallagher has indicated in advance her wish to recuse herself on Engineering Item 10. She requested that this item be taken next.

Chair Abreu entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Item 10**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:



Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney, Chair Abreu (6)

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Director Gallagher (1)

The motion PASSED.

Chair Abreu noted that she has also indicated in advance her wish to recuse herself on Engineering Items 3, 6, 7, 8 and 12. She requested, without objection, that these items be taken next as a group.

Chair Abreu entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Engineering Items 3, 6, 7, 8 and 12. Director Connolly made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney (6)

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Chair Abreu (1)

The motion PASSED.

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Chair Abreu entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Items 3, 6, 7, 8 and 12**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney (6)

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Chair Abreu (1)

The motion PASSED.

Chair Abreu entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action the remaining Engineering Items 9, 11, 13 and 14. Director Connolly made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:



Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney, Chair Abreu (7)

Nays: (0)

The motion PASSED.

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Chair Abreu entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Items 9, 11, 13 and 14**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney, Chair Abreu (7)

Nays: (0)

The motion PASSED.

Chair's Items

Item 2: Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session of the Special Board of Directors Meeting held August 18, 2022 and the Minutes of the Executive Session of the Special Board Meeting held August 24, 2022.

Chair Abreu entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 2**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney, Chair Abreu (7)

Nays: (0)

The motion PASSED.

Legal

Item 1: Authorization to Enter into a Workers' Compensation Settlement – James Akers. As discussed in Executive Session.

Item 2: Approval of a Settlement Agreement. As discussed in Executive Session.



Chair Abreu entertained a motion to approve **Legal Item 1**, as discussed in Executive Session. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney, Chair Abreu (7)

Nays: (0)

The motion PASSED.

Chair Abreu entertained a motion to approve **Legal Item 2**, as discussed in Executive Session. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney, Chair Abreu (7)

Nays: (0)

The motion PASSED.

Finance

Item 1: Approval of revised calculation method for the commercial vehicle annual toll rate increase.

Chair Abreu entertained a motion to approve **Finance Item 1**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney, Chair Abreu (7)

Nays: (0)

The motion PASSED.

Information Technology

Item 1: Award of Contract 22-0118 to Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of CallWorks CallStation Hardware, Software, Installation, and Support Services in an amount not to exceed \$3,031,531.04 (Order Against Dolt Master Contract).



Chair Abreu entertained a motion to approve **Information Technology Item 1**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney, Chair Abreu (7)

Nays: (0)

The motion PASSED.

Facilities and Fleet Operations

Item 1: Award of Contract 21-0103R to Ver-Mac Inc. and Barricade Lites, Inc. for the purchase of Motorist Warning Devices in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,577,066.40 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

Item 2: Award of Contract 22-0050 to S.E.P.S. Inc. for the purchase of Uninterruptible Power Source, Generators, and Automatic Transfer Switches Preventive Maintenance and Repair Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,188,118.60 for an initial three-year term and a possible three-year renewal term in an amount not to exceed \$1,321,542.30 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

Chair Abreu entertained a motion to approve **Facilities & Fleet Operations Item 1**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney, Chair Abreu (7)

Nays: (0)

The motion PASSED.

Chair Abreu entertained a motion to approve **Facilities & Fleet Operations Item 2**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney, Chair Abreu (7)

Nays: (0)

The motion PASSED.



Operations

Chair Abreu noted that she indicated in advance her wish to recuse herself on Operations Item 1.

Item 1: Award of Contract 22-0051 to The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired for the purchase of Call Center Services in an amount not to exceed \$85,000,000.00 (State Use Program). [Recusal: Chair Abreu]

Chair Abreu entertained a motion to approve **Operations Item 1**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney (6)

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Chair Abreu (1)

The motion PASSED.

Item 2: Award of Contract 22-0039 to Jewel Food Stores, Inc. for the purchase of I-PASS Transponder Retail Placement Services in an amount not to exceed \$3,450,000.00 for an initial two-year term and a possible two-year renewal term in an amount not to exceed \$3,450,000.00 (Tollway Request for Proposal).

Chair Abreu entertained a motion to approve **Operations Item 2**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney, Chair Abreu (7)

Nays: (0)

The motion PASSED.

Business Systems

Chair Abreu noted that she indicated in advance her wish to recuse herself on Business Systems Item 1.

Item 1: Award of Contract 20-0156 to Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for the purchase of Tolling Innovation and Business Strategy Services in an amount not to exceed \$6,999,500.00 for an initial



five-year term and a possible five-year renewal term in an amount not to exceed \$6,091,325.00 (Tollway Request for Proposal). [Recusal: Chair Abreu]

Chair Abreu entertained a motion to approve **Business Systems Item 1**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney (6)

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Chair Abreu (1)

The motion PASSED.

Diversity & Strategic Development

Chair Abreu asked Acting Chief of Procurement Pete Foernsler to present Diversity & Strategic Development Item 1.

Item 1: Award of Contract 22-0116 to Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership for the purchase of Workforce Development Technical Assistance Initiative Services in an amount not to exceed \$335,000.00 for an initial 90-day term and a possible 90-day extension term in an amount not to exceed \$330,000.00 (Tollway Emergency). [Recusal: Chair Abreu]

Upon conclusion of the item presentation, Chair Abreu noted that she indicated in advance her wish to recuse herself on Diversity & Strategic Development Item 1. Chair Abreu entertained a motion to approve **Diversity & Strategic Development Item 1**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney (6)

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Chair Abreu (1)

The motion PASSED.

Adjournment



There being no further business before the Board, Chair Abreu entertained a motion to adjourn. Director Sweeney made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Gomez. Chair Abreu asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Sweeney, Director Gomez, Director Connolly, Director Gallagher, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Chair Abreu (7)

Nays: (0)

The motion PASSED.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:59 p.m.

Minutes taken by: _____

Christi Regnery
Board Secretary
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority