



Record of Meeting | January 26, 2024

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority’s (“Tollway”) Board of Directors met in regular session on Friday, January 26, 2024, in the Boardroom of Tollway headquarters in Downers Grove, Illinois. The meeting was held pursuant to the By-Laws of the Tollway upon call and notice of the meeting executed by Chairman Arnaldo Rivera and posted in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1, *et seq.*

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

Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairman Rivera called the meeting to order at approximately 9:51 a.m.

Given Director McConnaughay’s advance notice to the Board Secretary of her inability to attend due to conflicting business commitments, and Director Wright’s advance notice to the Board Secretary of his inability to attend due to personal illness or disability, and given that a quorum of the Board was physically present, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and Tollway By-laws, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to allow Directors McConnaughay and Wright to participate by audio conference. Director Connolly made such a motion, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote. Chairman Rivera asked the Board Secretary to call the roll, those Directors present and absent being as follows:

Board Members Present:
Director James Connolly
Director Jacqueline Gomez
Director Karen McConnaughay <i>[by telephone]</i>
Director Scott Paddock
Director Gary Perinar, Jr.
Director James Sweeney
Director Mark Wright <i>[by telephone]</i>
Chairman Arnaldo Rivera

Board Members Not Present:
Governor JB Pritzker <i>[ex officio]</i>
Secretary Omer Osman <i>[ex officio]</i>
Director Melissa Neddermeyer

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

Chairman Rivera asked Captain Ken Benson of Illinois State Police Troop 15 to provide the monthly safety message.



Safety Message

Captain Benson offered the following tips on how to avoid being the victim of road rage:

- If you are in the left lane and someone wants to pass, move to your right and allow them to pass
- When merging, make sure you have plenty of room and use your turn signal
- If someone cuts you off, slow down and give them room to merge into your lane
- If a speeding driver is tailgating you, safely change lanes when able
- Making gestures might anger the other driver; create distance and avoid confrontation
- If another driver is acting angrily, don't make eye contact

Finally, Captain Benson reminded drivers not to engage and to call 911 and/or go to the nearest police department to report incidents of road rage.

Public Comment

Chairman Rivera opened the floor for public comment.

Geoff Daniels, Business Agent, Teamsters Local 700, addressed the Board. Mr. Daniels commented on the implementation of the recently negotiated wage enhancements.

Steve Johnson, President, Fence Masters, Inc., addressed the Board. Mr. Johnson commented regarding the award of contract RR-23-4930.

Chairman Rivera thanked the speakers for their comments.

Chair's Items

Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held December 14, 2023.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held December 14, 2023, as presented. Director Connolly made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Item 2: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held December 14, 2023.



Chairman Rivera stated that without objection, action on Chair's Item 2 will be deferred until after consideration in the Executive Session.

Item 3: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes for Public Release.

Chairman Rivera stated that without objection, action on Chair's Item 3 will be deferred until after consideration in the Executive Session.

Item 4: Approval of the ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 4**, as presented. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Item 5: Committee Reports

Chairman Rivera dispensed with committee reports, noting that Directors were present for the committee meetings.

Item 6: Additional Items

Chairman Rivera, having no further items, turned the floor over to Executive Director Cassandra Rouse.

Executive Director's Items

Executive Director Rouse presented a "Tollway Update" video, which highlighted the Agency's achievements in 2023 and its receipt of numerous awards. She also praised the laudable efforts of dedicated employees, particularly with respect to promoting safety and assisting Tollway customers, businesses and communities.

Executive Director Rouse noted the establishment of a new ad hoc committee of the Board tasked with overseeing the strategic planning process and the development of the next capital program.

Executive Director Rouse commented on the invaluable work of the Tollway's Zero Weather Road Patrols, who assisted over 400 customers during recent extreme cold weather.

Executive Director Rouse announced that starting in early February, customers will have the opportunity to obtain I-Pass Sticker Tags at various locations such as Tollway Customer Service centers, certain Jewel-Osco stores and Road Rangers outlets, and online. This development is



part of a coordinated effort with other E-ZPass agencies to ensure seamless service for Tollway customers, regardless of their location within the 19 states comprising the E-ZPass consortium.

Executive Director Rouse returned the floor to Chairman Rivera.

Items for Consideration

Information Technology

Item 1: Award of Contract 23-0195 to CDW Government LLC for the purchase of a Desktop Refresh Project in an amount not to exceed \$913,000.00 (Order Against DoIT Master Contract).

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Information Technology Item 1**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Facilities & Fleet Operations

Item 1: Award of Contract 22-0090 to Genuine Parts Company for the purchase of a Vendor Managed Inventory Program for Fleet Operations in an amount not to exceed \$26,190,710.00 (Tollway Request for Proposal).

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to motion to approve **Facilities & Fleet Operations Item 1**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Engineering

Item 1: Award of Contract RR-23-4917 to Curran Contracting Company for Ramp Pavement Repairs on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) at Mile Post 93.3 (DeKalb Oasis) in the amount of \$873,623.45.

Item 2: Award of Contract RR-23-9291 to Meade, Inc. for Fiber Optic Systems Improvements Systemwide in the amount of \$1,628,043.50.

Item 3: Award of Contract I-23-4758 to Herlihy Mid-Continent Company for Bridge Construction on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (I-490) between Mile Post 5.9 (Touhy Avenue) and Mile Post 6.2 (I-90) in the amount of \$24,001,072.14.

Item 4: Award of Contract RR-23-4921 to Martinez Frogs, Inc. for M-4 Storage Building Removal on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94) at Mile Post 8.4 (Grand Avenue) in the amount of \$860,792.90.



Item 5: Award of Contract RR-23-4930 to Industrial Fence, Inc. for Systemwide Roadway Appurtenance Repairs Systemwide in the amount of \$3,406,260.83.

Item 6: Change Order / Extra Work Order on I-20-4727 to Lorig Construction Company for Roadway and Bridge Construction on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (I-490) from Mile Post 0.6 (Franklin Avenue) to Mile Post 1.0 (Illinois Route 19 (Irving Park Road)) in the amount of \$817,030.45, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$145,463,465.26 to \$146,280,495.71.

Item 7: Acceptance of Proposal from Stanley Consultants, Inc. on Contract I-23-4754 for Design Services on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (I-490) between Irving Park Road and Devon Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$4,949,095.20.

Item 8: Acceptance of Proposal from Ciorba Group, Inc. on Contract RR-23-4911 for Design Services for Systemwide Plaza Improvements Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$2,499,693.13.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Engineering Items 1-8. Director Connolly made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Items 1-8**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Legal

Item 1: Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for work associated with the Elgin O'Hare Western Access project. Estimated cost to the Tollway: \$1,427,112.00.

Item 2: Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois State Police. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Item 3: Approval of a Worker's Compensation Settlement – David Johnson. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman Rivera stated that without objection, Legal Items 2 and 3 would be deferred until after consideration in the Executive Session.



Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Legal Item 1**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Executive Session

Chairman Rivera called for a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to exceptions provided in Sections 2(c)(8), (11) and (21) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8), (11) and (21), to consider Tollway matters related to safety and 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. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

At approximately 10:22 a.m., the Board entered Executive Session.

Return from Executive Session and Action (if any)

At approximately 10:50 a.m., the Board re-entered the public session of the Meeting.

Chair's Item 2: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held December 14, 2023.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 2**, the Executive Session minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held December 14, 2023. Director Connolly made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Chair's Item 3: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes for Public Release.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 3**, the Executive Session minutes redacted for public release. Director Connolly made a motion to approve the minutes for release, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Legal Item 2: Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois State Police. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Legal Item 2**, as discussed in the Executive Session. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.



Legal Item 3: Approval of a Worker’s Compensation Settlement – David Johnson. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Legal Item 3**, as discussed in the Executive Session. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to adjourn. Director Connolly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:52 a.m.

Minutes taken by: _____

Christi Regnery
Board Secretary
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority