



Record of Meeting | February 22, 2024

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority's ("Tollway") Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, February 22, 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 9:32 a.m. and 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 Melissa Neddermeyer
Director Gary Perinar, Jr.
Director James Sweeney
Director Mark Wright
Chairman Arnaldo Rivera

Board Members Not Present:
Governor JB Pritzker [<i>ex officio</i>]
Secretary Omer Osman [<i>ex officio</i>]
Director Karen McConnaughay
Director Scott Paddock

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

Chairman Rivera noted that Captain Benson of Illinois State Police Troop 15 was unable to attend the meeting and the monthly safety message will resume at the March meeting.

Public Comment

Chairman Rivera opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was offered.

Chair's Items

Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held January 26, 2024.



Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held January 26, 2024. 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 January 26, 2024.*

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 Resolution recognizing Illinois Engineering Week and National Engineers Week.*

Chairman Rivera read aloud the following resolution for consideration:

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as a sign of respect, appreciation and esteem for Tollway engineers and their valued contributions to the Tollway and the region, the members of the Board of Directors of The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, on behalf of themselves, Tollway Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse, and all Tollway employees, hereby join Governor JB Pritzker in proudly recognizing February 18-24, 2024 as Illinois Engineering Week."

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 3**, as presented. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Item 4: *Committee Reports*

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

Item 5: *Additional Items*

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

Executive Director's Items

Executive Director Rouse expressed her gratitude to the Tollway engineers, contractors, and consultants for their exceptional work, which is being celebrated during Illinois Engineers Week. She mentioned her planned attendance at the upcoming ACEC Illinois Excellence in Engineering Awards, where the Mile Long Bridge Project on the Central Tri-State Tollway will receive an Honor



Award, and the new Aurora and Bensenville maintenance facilities will be honored with a Merit Award.

Executive Director Rouse commended Gilletta Stewart, General Manager of Contract Management, for being selected as one of 40 professionals to participate in the International Bridge, Tunnel, and Turnpike Association's Leadership Academy's annual executive development program. She also acknowledged the dedicated efforts of Tollway staff at the 2024 Chicago Auto Show, where over 38,000 customers visited the Tollway Customer Service Booth and received new I-PASS sticker tags.

Lastly, Executive Director Rouse recognized Black History Month, underscoring the significant impact of African Americans in the transportation and infrastructure sectors. She emphasized that these contributions have played a pivotal role in shaping and advancing these industries and helping to build a stronger and more resilient Tollway.

[The meeting was briefly recessed for the Board to participate in a photo opportunity with Tollway engineers and staff in recognition of Illinois Engineers Week.]

Items for Consideration

Finance

Item 1: Approval of the Retiree Health Insurance Premium for 2023 and the underpaid premiums for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 in the total amount of \$9,416,514.64 to Central Management Services ("CMS") per the State Employees Group Insurance Act (5 ILCS 375/11).

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

Information Technology

Item 1: Award of Contract 23-0158 to CDW Government LLC for the purchase of NetApp Disk Refresh Maintenance and Support in an amount not to exceed \$5,969,240.00 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

Item 2: Award of Contract 24-0005 to SHI International Corp. for the purchase of Cartegraph Software Subscriptions plus Maintenance and Support in an amount not to exceed \$716,263.92 (Release Off a Multiple Award 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.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Information Technology Item 2**. 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-23-4932 to Lorig Construction Company for Noise Abatement Wall Repairs Systemwide in the amount of \$1,894,119.50.

Item 2: Award of Contract RR-23-9292 to Foundation Mechanics, LLC for Plaza Canopy Repairs on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) at Mile Post 137.8 (Spring Road) and on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I 355) between Mile Post 15.5 (75th Street) and Mile Post 24.6 (Roosevelt Road) in the amount of \$3,034,011.00.

Item 3: Award of Contract RR-23-9294 to Superior Road Striping, Inc. for Pavement Marking Installation Systemwide in the amount of \$4,106,301.64.

Item 4: Award of Contract RR-23-4931 to K-Five Construction Corporation for Pavement Repairs Systemwide in the amount of \$8,053,223.72.

Item 5: Award of Contract RR-23-9287 to Construction, Inc. for Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Camera Installation on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) at Mile Post 19.8 (Central Administration Building) in the amount of \$355,500.00.

Item 6: Extra Work Order on 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 \$520,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$98,591,699.08 to \$99,111,699.08.

Item 7: Change Order / Extra Work Order on I-21-4833 to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC for Roadway 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 \$1,265,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$105,290,432.38 to \$106,555,432.38.

Item 8: 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) between Mile



Post 0.6 (Franklin Avenue) and Mile Post 1.0 (Illinois Route 19 (Irving Park Road)) in the amount of \$3,831,382.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$145,463,465.26 to \$149,294,847.26.

Item 9: Amendment to Resolution on I-21-4738 to Lorig Construction Company for Railroad Track Relocation; Retaining Wall Construction; Earthwork Excavation on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Tollway (I-490) South of Grand Avenue to Irving Park Road (IL 19); Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to Franklin Avenue, Mile Post 5.6 (Touhy Avenue IL 72) to Mile Post 5.75 (Old Higgins Road), in the amount of \$1,480,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$114,551,402.52 to \$116,031,402.52.

Item 10: Acceptance of Proposal from exp US Services, Inc. on Contract RR-23-4910 for Design Services for Systemwide Plaza Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$4,499,296.80.

Item 11: Acceptance of Proposal from Accurate Group, Inc. on Contract RR-23-4912 for Construction Management Services Upon Request Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Engineering Items 1-11. 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 1-11**. 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 City of Hickory Hills for work associated with the I-294 Central Tri-State Project. Estimated Cost to the Tollway: \$1,449,012.43.

Item 2: Authorization to Enter into a Settlement Agreement with Property Owner – Chicago Title Land Trust Company, Tollway Parcels No. NW-7A-12-085, NW-7A-12-085.T1 and NW-7A-12-085.T2. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Item 3: Authorization to Enter into a Settlement Agreement with WSP USA, Inc. 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)(11) and (21) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (11) and (21), to consider Tollway matters related to 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 9:50 a.m., the Board entered Executive Session.

Return from Executive Session and Action (if any)

At approximately 10:00 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 January 26, 2024.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 2**, the Executive Session minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held January 26, 2024. Director Connolly made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Item 2: Authorization to Enter into a Settlement Agreement with Property Owner – Chicago Title Land Trust Company, Tollway Parcels No. NW-7A-12-085, NW-7A-12-085.T1 and NW-7A-12-085.T2. 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.

Item 3: Authorization to Enter into a Settlement Agreement with WSP USA, Inc. 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 10:02 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christi Regnery".

Minutes taken by: _____

Christi Regnery
Board Secretary
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority