



## Record of Meeting | September 19, 2024

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority's ("Tollway") Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, September 19, 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 10:08 a.m. and asked the Board Secretary to call the roll, those Directors present and absent being as follows:

| Board Members Present:       |
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| Director James Connolly      |
| Director Jacqueline Gomez    |
| Director Karen McConnaughay  |
| Director Melissa Neddermeyer |
| Director Scott Paddock       |
| Director James Sweeney       |
| Director Mark Wright         |
| Chairman Arnaldo Rivera      |

| Board Members Not Present:                 |
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| Governor JB Pritzker [ <i>ex officio</i> ] |
| Secretary Omer Osman [ <i>ex officio</i> ] |
| Director Gary Perinar, Jr.                 |

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

## Safety Message

Lieutenant Hart announced that September 16–21 is National Child Passenger Safety Protection Week, emphasizing the importance of properly restraining children in vehicles and providing information on child passenger protection laws. He also noted that the Tinley Park Police Department will offer free car seat safety checks on Saturday, September 21, 2024.

## Public Comment

Chairman Rivera opened the floor for public comment.



David Cedeno, Assistant Project Engineer, addressed the Board. Mr. Cedeno offered comments concerning translation services provided by customer service representatives who are members of the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees Union (AFSCME).

Stephen Mittons, AFSCME Representative, also offered comments concerning translation services provided by AFSCME members.

Chairman Rivera thanked the speakers for their comments.

### **Chair's Items**

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Chairman Rivera congratulated Director Jim Sweeney who was presented with the 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Marist Contractors Association.

*Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held August 29, 2024.*

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held August 29, 2024. Director Wright made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Neddermeyer. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

*Item 2: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held August 29, 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: Committee Reports*

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

*Item 4: Additional Items*

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

### **Executive Director's Items**

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Executive Director Rouse reported that local legislators—including State Senators Cristina Castro and Laura Murphy, State Representative Michelle Mussman, and staff from State Representative Jennifer Sanalidro's office—were given a tour of the I-490 project. Staff provided an up-close view



of the construction of the I-490 roadway and new bridge structures designed to accommodate airport runway lighting and equipment.

She also shared an update on stakeholder engagement in the Tollway's capital planning efforts. A series of open houses are being held across the region to gather additional input and ensure more voices are heard in the planning process.

Executive Director Rouse noted the upcoming ConstructionWorks workforce and job placement program events in September and October. The Tollway is inviting community leaders, workforce development professionals, and business leaders to these events to promote careers in the heavy highway construction industry. ConstructionWorks offers job placement assistance and connects individuals—including minorities, women, and veterans—with construction companies looking to hire workers. The Tollway's investment supports comprehensive training and support services needed to prepare individuals for entry into union apprenticeships and construction training programs.

Finally, she acknowledged the moment of silence observed on September 18, 2024 in memory of David Schwarz and Paul Liotine, Tollway roadway maintenance workers who lost their lives on the job. She urged everyone to comply with the Move Over Law, which helps protect roadway workers and others by requiring drivers to change lanes and reduce speed when approaching any vehicle stopped along the road.

With no further items to report, Executive Director Rouse returned the floor to Chairman Rivera.

## **Items for Consideration**

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### **Information Technology**

*Item 1: Award of Contract 24-0157 to Presidio Networked Solutions LLC for the purchase of Cisco Internet Routers in an amount not to exceed \$310,393.49 (Order Against DoIT Master Contract).*

*Item 2: Award of Contract 24-0034 to Presidio Networked Solutions LLC for the purchase of Dell EMC Equipment, Maintenance, Support, and Services in an amount not to exceed \$21,000,000.00 (Order Against DoIT Master Contract).*

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



Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Information Technology Item 2**. Director Wright made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Neddermeyer. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

### Facilities & Fleet Operations

*Item 1: Award of Contract 24-0043 to Herc Rentals Inc. for the purchase of Generator Rental Services in an amount not to exceed \$175,951.48 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).*

*Item 2: Award of Contract 23-0117R to USSI Rentals, Inc. for the purchase of Cargo Vans with Aerial Lifts in an amount not to exceed \$1,264,488.00 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).*

*Item 3: Renewal of Contract 21-0116RR with Atlas Bobcat, LLC for the purchase of Bobcat Off-Road Equipment Parts and Repair Services in an amount not to exceed \$37,014.00 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).*

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Facilities & Fleet Operations Items 1-3. Director Wright made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director Neddermeyer. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Facilities & Fleet Operations Items 1-3**. Director Wright made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Neddermeyer. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

### Engineering

*Item 1: Extra Work Order 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 \$3,800,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$124,364,114.95 to \$128,164,114.95.*

*Item 2: Change Order / Extra Work Order on I-22-4867 to Walsh Construction Company II, LLC for Substructure Removal Southbound Mile Long Bridge on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 21.1 and Mile Post 21.3 in the amount of \$1,150,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$2,219,712.12 to \$3,369,712.12.*



*Item 3: Acceptance of Proposal from R.M. Chin & Associates, Inc. on Contract I-24-4759 for Construction Management Services on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (I-490) along Irving Park Road (IL 19) between York Road and Taft Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$4,772,667.52.*

*Item 4: Acceptance of Proposal from Cotter Consulting, Inc. on Contract RR-24-9296 for Construction Management Services Upon Request Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00.*

*Item 5: Acceptance of Proposal from H.W. Lochner, Inc. on Contract I-24-4960 for Planning Studies Upon Request Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00.*

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Engineering Items 1-5. Director Wright made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director Neddermeyer. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Items 1-5**. Director Wright made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Neddermeyer. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

### **Safety & Security**

*Item 1: Increase to Contract 24-0089 to Universal Protection Service, LLC (d.b.a. Allied Universal Security Services) for the purchase of Security Services in an amount not to exceed \$235,561.66 (Order Against CMS Master Contract).*

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Safety & Security Item 1**. Director Wright made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Neddermeyer. 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)(1), (2), (11) and (21) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), (2), (11) and (21), to consider Tollway matters related to personnel, collective bargaining, pending or probable litigation, and minutes of closed meetings. Director Wright made a motion, pursuant to the sections specified, to enter Executive Session, seconded by Director Neddermeyer. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

At approximately 10:31 a.m., the Board entered Executive Session.



**Return from Executive Session and Action (if any)**

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At approximately 11:24 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 July 24, 2024.*

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 2**, the Executive Session minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held August 29, 2024. Director Wright made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Neddermeyer. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:26 a.m.

Minutes taken by: \_\_\_\_\_

Christi Regnery  
Board Secretary  
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority