



Record of Meeting | October 17, 2024

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority’s (“Tollway”) Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, October 17, 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 9:29 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 Karen McConnaughay
Director Melissa Neddermeyer
Director Gary Perinar, Jr.
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 Scott Paddock
Director James Sweeney

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

Public Comment

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

Chairman’s Items

Chairman Rivera congratulated Executive Director Rouse on her selection as the new Vice-Chair of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's (CMAP) Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee for Northeastern Illinois. Her appointment was approved at the committee's October joint meeting with the CMAP Board. In her new role, she will provide leadership for the



committee and its meetings alongside the Chairman, Illinois Department of Transportation Secretary Omer Osman.

Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held September 19, 2024.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held September 19, 2024. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Connolly. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Item 2: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held September 19, 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

Executive Director Rouse reported that the Tollway demonstrated its commitment to fostering future talent by providing high school students from four Chicago-area schools with practical experience at the I-490 Tollway project and maintenance sites. This initiative aims to inspire students by introducing them to real-world engineering and construction tasks while highlighting potential career opportunities within the industry and specifically at the Tollway. She expressed gratitude to all staff members who contributed to making the event successful.

Additionally, Executive Director Rouse announced that the Tollway recently received the Sustainability in Civil Engineering Achievement Award for its LED Roadway Lighting Program. The American Society of Civil Engineers recognized the Tollway for its commitment to sustainability investments that benefit customers, roadway workers, and the environment.



In advance of Veterans Day, Executive Director Rouse recognized Tollway employees who have served in the U.S. armed forces and expressed appreciation for their sacrifices in defending our freedoms.

[A short break was taken for a photo opportunity involving Tollway veterans, the Board of Directors and the Executive Director.]

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

Items for Consideration

Finance

Item 1: Approval of the 2025 Tentative Budget

Item 2: Renewal of Contract 15-0054 with First Data Merchant Services LLC for the purchase of Merchant Card Processing Services in an amount not to exceed \$130,000,000.00 (Tollway Request for Proposal).

Item 3: Award of Contract 24-0126 to Aetna Life Insurance Company for the Employee Health Benefits Program in an estimated amount not to exceed \$37,000,000.00 for the 2025-2026 plan year and approval to negotiate and award four (4) one-year renewal options for future plan years.

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

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

Engineering

Item 1: Extra Work Order on I-17-4339 to Judlau Contracting, Inc. for Roadway and Bridge Widening and Reconstruction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 35.04 (South of Grand Avenue) and Mile Post 36.70 (Wolf Road) and on I-490 Ramp S1 and Ramp S2 in the amount of \$4,875,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$166,038,643.70 to \$170,913,643.70.

Item 2: Change Order / Extra Work Order on RR-23-4931 to K-Five Construction Corporation for Pavement Repairs Systemwide in the amount of \$600,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$8,408,067.17 to \$9,008,067.17.



Item 3: Acceptance of Proposal from Bush Infotech Group, Inc. (formerly known as Kristine Fallon Associates, Inc.) on Contract RR-18-9015 for Supplemental Project Management Services for Document and Process Control Management Services Systemwide, in the amount of \$1,376,984.94, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$7,281,915.65 to \$8,658,900.59.

Item 4: Acceptance of Proposal from STV, Inc. on Contract I-21-4744 for Supplemental Construction Management Services on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Tollway (I-490) for Railroad Bridge Construction Union Pacific Railroad over Grand Avenue in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$3,122,000.00 to \$4,622,000.00.

Chairman Rivera noted that Director Wright has indicated in advance his wish to recuse himself on Engineering Item 1. He stated that without objection, this item would be taken first separately.

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

Yeas: Director Neddermeyer, Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Perinar, Director McConnaughay, Chairman Rivera (6)

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Director Wright (1)

The motion PASSED.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Engineering Items 2-4. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director Connolly. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Items 2-4**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Connolly. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Legal

Item 1: Approval of a Workers' Compensation Settlement – Barbara Galvan. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Item 2: Approval of a Workers' Compensation Settlement – Frank Cataudella. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.



Item 3: Approval of a Workers' Compensation Settlement – Kevin McCullum. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Item 4: Authorization to Enter into a Settlement Agreement. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman Rivera stated that without objection, action on Legal Items 1-4 will be deferred until after consideration in Executive Session.

Business Systems

Item 1: Award of Contract 24-0192 to Kapsch TrafficCom USA, Inc. for the purchase of Electronic Toll Collection Equipment and Services in an amount not to exceed \$2,962,000.00 (Tollway Sole Source).

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

Administration

Item 1: Award of Contract 23-0133RR to OOTW, Inc. (d.b.a. InOut Labs) for the purchase of Pre-Employment Screening and Testing Services in an amount not to exceed \$189,145.00 for an initial five-year term and a possible five-year renewal term an amount not to exceed \$189,145.00 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

Item 2: Award of Contract 23-0136RR to OOTW, Inc. (d.b.a. InOut Labs) for the purchase of Drug and Alcohol and Testing Services in an amount not to exceed \$363,350.00 for an initial five-year term and a possible five-year renewal term an amount not to exceed \$363,350.00 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

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

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Administration Item 2**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Connolly. 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)(2), (8), (11) and (21) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), (8), (11) and (21), to consider Tollway matters related to collective bargaining, safety and security, pending or probable litigation, and minutes of closed meetings. Director Neddermeyer made a motion, pursuant to the sections specified, to enter Executive Session, seconded by Director Connolly. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

At approximately 9:57 a.m., the Board entered Executive Session.

Return from Executive Session and Action (if any)

At approximately 10:27 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 September 19, 2024.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 2**, the Executive Session minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held September 19, 2024. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Connolly. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Legal Item 1: Approval of a Workers' Compensation Settlement – Barbara Galvan. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Legal Item 2: Approval of a Workers' Compensation Settlement – Frank Cataudella. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Legal Item 3: Approval of a Workers' Compensation Settlement – Kevin McCullum. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Legal Item 4: Authorization to Enter into a Settlement Agreement. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Legal Items 1-4. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director Connolly. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Legal Items 1-4**, as discussed in the Executive Session. Director Neddermeyer made



a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Connolly. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:28 a.m.

Minutes taken by:

Christi Regnery
Board Secretary
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority