



Record of Meeting | November 21, 2024

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority's ("Tollway") Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, November 21, 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 10:22 a.m. Given Director McConnaughay's advance notice to the Board Secretary of her inability to attend due to a conflicting business commitment 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 Director McConnaughay's participation by audio conference. Director Neddermeyer made such a motion, seconded by Director Wright. 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 Melissa Neddermeyer
Director Scott Paddock
Director Jim 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 Gary Perinar, Jr.

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

Safety Message



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

Captain Benson emphasized the importance of preparing for winter driving conditions. He cautioned against traveling during severe weather unless necessary and advised those who travel to plan routes in advance, check forecasts and inform someone of their travel plans. He also recommended using public transportation or ridesharing when possible, driving more slowly, increasing following distances, and staying alert for black ice—especially near intersections, ramps, bridges and shaded areas. Finally, he advised motorists to give snowplows extra space, follow the Move Over law for stopped vehicles, keep an emergency kit in their car, wear seat belts, avoid distractions, and carry a charged cell phone.

Public Comment

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

Chairman's Items

Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held October 17, 2024.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held October 17, 2024. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Item 2: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held October 17, 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 the Minutes of the Special Board of Directors Meeting held October 23, 2024.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 3**, the minutes of the Special Board of Directors meeting held October 23, 2024. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Item 4: Approval of Executive Session Minutes for Public Release.



Chairman Rivera stated that without objection, action on Chair's Item 4 will be deferred until after consideration in the Executive Session.

Item 5: Committee Reports

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

Item 6: Additional Items

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

Executive Director's Items

Executive Director Rouse highlighted several recent achievements, starting with the activation of the new SmartRoad system on the northern section of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and the addition of a fifth northbound lane. The system currently includes 14 over-the-road gantries—part of a planned 80—that will enhance safety and convenience for customers.

She also recapped the success of the November 8th "Contracting with Government" event, which drew nearly 300 participants to learn about opportunities to work with the Tollway and other state agencies. Planning for a similar event in the spring is underway.

Finally, Executive Director Rouse shared that Tollway staff and programs received the following awards:

- Crain's Chicago Business 2024 Notable Latino Leaders: Marlene Vick, Chief of Diversity & Strategic Development.
- International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association's 2024 distinguished President's Award for the agency's I-PASS Assist Program: Pat Taylor, Chief of Operations; Myesha Hopkins, Sr. Manager of Customer Service; Timothy Rover, Support Program Manager; Lesley Bunting, Field Engagement Manager; Miguel Sotomayor, General Manager of Tolling Logistics.
- International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association's 2024 Toll Excellence Award in Customer Service and Marketing.

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



Items for Consideration

Finance

Item 1: Award of Contract 24-0127 to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for the Employee Life Insurance Benefits Program in an estimated amount not to exceed \$540,000.00 for three years.

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

Information Technology

Item 1: Award of Contract 24-0172 to Presidio Networked Solutions LLC for the purchase of Cisco SmartNet and FlexPod Maintenance and Support in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000.00 (Order Against DoIT Master Contract).

Item 2: Amendment to Contract 23-0006 with Carahsoft Technology Corporation for the purchase of Diversity Tracking Subscriptions and Implementation Services in an amount not to exceed \$361,286.40 (Release Off a Multiple Award Master Contract).

Item 3: Award of Contract 24-0152 to Emergent, LLC for the purchase of Red Hat Software and Maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$2,765,991.49 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

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

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

Facilities & Fleet Operations

Item 1: Award of Contract 24-0197 to German-Bliss Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of Excavators in an amount not to exceed \$264,462.00 (Order Against CMS Master Contract).

Item 2: Award of Contract 24-0054R to Betts Platinum Group, LLC (d.b.a. J-Tech) for the purchase of Roadway Clearing Devices in an amount not to exceed \$413,328.00 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).



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

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

Engineering

Item 1: Award of Contract I-24-4761 to Plote Construction, Inc. for Runway 10R Approach Lighting with Sequence Flashing (ALSF) Lighting System Relocation, Earthwork and Bridge Construction on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (I-490) between Mile Post 1.0 (York Road) and Mile Post 2.6 (Taft Avenue) in the amount of \$38,561,610.10.

Item 2: Award of Contract RR-24-4964 to Areatha Construction Co., Inc. for Bridge Repairs on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Mile Post 21.2 (Mile Long Bridge) in the amount of \$975,238.05.

Item 3: Award of Contract I-24-4958 for Construction Management Services for Plaza Improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 6.3 (159th Street) and Mile Post 45.2 (Golf Road) in an amount not to exceed \$3,708,500.00.

Item 4: Acceptance of Proposal from RS&H, Inc. / Toltz, King, Duvall, Anderson and Associates, Inc. on Contract I-17-4677 for Supplemental Design Services for Roadway and Bridge Design on Elgin O'Hare Western Access Tollway (I-490) from Mile Post 4.3 (Devon Avenue) to Mile Post 5.1 (Pratt Boulevard) in an amount of \$2,512,500.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$9,133,538.16 to \$11,646,038.16.

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

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Items 1-4**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Legal

Item 1: Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for costs associated with a project impacting I-39 and US Route 20. Estimate cost to the Tollway: \$974,671.00.



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

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

Item 4: Authorization to Enter a Litigation Settlement Agreement – Property Owner – Sante Fe Property LLC; Tollway Parcel No. TW-3B-16-008. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Item 5: Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Service Employees International Union Local 73. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman Rivera stated that action on Legal Items 2-5 would be deferred until after consideration in the Executive Session. Chairman Rivera then entertained a motion to approve **Legal Item 1**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Business Systems

Item 1: Award of Contract 24-0183 to Electronic Transaction Consultants, LLC for the purchase of Toll Revenue Management and Maintenance Program Services in an amount not to exceed \$3,567,500.00 (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 Wright. 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 Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

At approximately 10:41 a.m., the Board entered Executive Session.

Return from Executive Session and Action (if any)



At approximately 12:10 p.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 October 17, 2024.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 2**, the Executive Session minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held October 17, 2024. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Chair's Item 4: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes for Public Release.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 4**, the minutes of all closed session meetings between April 2009 and September 2024 redacted for public release. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

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

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

Legal Item 4: Authorization to Enter a Litigation Settlement Agreement – Property Owner – Sante Fe Property LLC; Tollway Parcel No. TW-3B-16-008. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Legal Item 5: Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Service Employees International Union Local 73. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Legal Items 2-5. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Legal Items 2-5**, as discussed in the Executive Session. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Wright. 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 Neddermeyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:12 p.m.

Minutes taken by: _____

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

Christi Regnery
Board Secretary
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority