



Record of Meeting | December 19, 2024

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority's ("Tollway") Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, December 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 9:58 a.m. Given Director Connolly's advance notice to the Board Secretary of his 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 Connolly'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 [<i>by telephone</i>]
Director Jacqueline Gomez
Director Karen McConnaughay
Director Melissa Neddermeyer
Director Scott Paddock
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 James Sweeney

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

Safety Message



Chairman Rivera stated that the monthly safety message will be deferred.

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 November 21, 2024.

Item 2: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held November 21, 2024.

Chairman Rivera announced that approval of the minutes from the November 21, 2024, regular Board of Directors meeting and Executive Session would be deferred.

Item 3: 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 extended holiday greetings and assured the Board that the Tollway will continue to provide safe travel and quality service throughout the holiday season. She announced that all temporary maintenance and lane closures would be suspended systemwide during the holidays and that H.E.L.P. trucks would be on patrol to offer rapid roadside assistance. Ms. Rouse also reminded drivers to reduce their speed and observe posted limits.

She went on to highlight the "Driving for Success Awards," which recognize Tollway employees who demonstrate exceptional performance in their roles. She noted that Chief Financial Officer Cathy Williams was honored by *The Bond Buyer* and *Northeast Women in Public Finance* as a "Trailblazing Woman in Public Finance," recognizing her significant contributions to the public



finance industry, advocacy for women's leadership, and commitment to innovative financial practices that benefit local communities.

Next, Ms. Rouse acknowledged Illinois Department of Transportation Secretary Omer Osman, who will retire at the end of the month after 35 years of service. Secretary Osman, an ex officio member of the Tollway Board of Directors, received thanks from Ms. Rouse for his support and counsel. Ms. Rouse further announced that Governor Pritzker appointed Gia Biagi to succeed Secretary Osman.

Finally, Executive Director Rouse shared a brief video recap of the agency's major recognitions in 2024. With no additional items to report, she returned the floor to Chairman Rivera.

Items for Consideration

Finance

Item 1: Approval of the FY2025 Final Budget.

Item 2: Award of Contract 24-0210 to Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc. for the purchase of Cyber Liability Insurance Coverage in an amount not to exceed \$278,622.00 (Order Against CMS Master Contract).

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.

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

Facilities & Fleet Operations

Item 1: Award of Contract 24-0158 to SLE Technologies, Inc. for the purchase of Vehicle Hoist Inspection, Repair, and Certification Services (Steril Koni brand) in an amount not to exceed \$273,575.24 (Tollway Sole Source).

Item 2: Amendment of Contract 15-0050 with Standard Industrial & Automotive Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of Vehicle Hoist Inspection, Repair, and Certification Services (Rotary and Joyce brands) in an amount not to exceed \$98,500.00 (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-24-4965 to Lorig Construction Company for Plaza Improvements and Bridge Rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Mile Post 45.2 (Plaza 28 Golf Road) in the amount of \$8,494,261.10.

Item 2: Award of Contract RR-24-4968 to Path Construction Company, Inc. for Bridge Rehabilitation on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) at Mile Post 92.6 (over Union Pacific Railroad) in the amount of \$2,857,185.45.

Item 3: Acceptance of Proposal from Quigg Engineering, Inc. on Contract I-24-4945 for Design Services for Bridge Reconstruction, Bridge Rehabilitation and Ramp Toll Plaza Reconstruction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94) at Mile Post 25.3 (Lake Cook Road) in an amount not to exceed \$4,850,000.00.

Item 4: Acceptance of Proposal from Bowman Consulting Group, LTD on Contract RR-24-4973 for Construction Management Services Upon Request Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00.

Item 5: Acceptance of Proposal from Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. on Contract I-17-4300 for Supplemental Design Services for Roadway Reconstruction and Widening on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from Mile Post 30.5 (Roosevelt Road) to Mile Post 32.3 (St. Charles Road) in the amount of \$1,650,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$46,941,000.00 to \$48,591,000.00.

Item 6: Award of Contract 24-0228 to Morton Salt, Inc., Cargill, Inc., and Compass Minerals America, Inc. for the purchase of Bulk Rock Salt in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$4,188,258.00 (Order Against CMS Master Contract).

Item 7: Award of Contract 24-0230 to Meade, Inc. for the purchase of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Field Equipment Maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$562,500.00 (Tollway Emergency).



Chairman Rivera noted that Director Gomez has indicated in advance her wish to recuse herself on Engineering Item 4. He stated that without objection, this item would be taken first.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Item 4**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Wright. Chairman Rivera asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Neddermeyer, Director Wright, Director Connolly, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Perinar, Chairman Rivera (7)

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Director Gomez (1)

The motion PASSED.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Engineering Items 1-3 and 5-7. 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 1-3 and 5-7**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Internal Audit

Item 1: Approval of the Two-Year Audit Plan for 2025-2026.

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

Planning

Item 1: Approval of the 2024 Stakeholder Advisory team's final report.

Item 2: Approval of the "Bridging the Future" capital program.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Planning 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 **Planning Item 2**. 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)(8) and (11) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8) and (11), to consider Tollway matters related to safety and security and pending or probable litigation. 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 10:12 a.m., the Board entered Executive Session.

Return from Executive Session and Action (if any)

At approximately 11:13 a.m., the Board re-entered the public session of the Meeting.

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 Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:14 a.m.

Minutes taken by: Christi Regnery
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Board Secretary
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