



Record of Meeting | February 20, 2025

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority’s (“Tollway”) Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, February 20, 2025, 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 9:39 a.m. He then 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 Scott Paddock
Director Gary Perinar, Jr.
Director James Sweeney
Director Mark Wright
Chairman Arnaldo Rivera

Board Members Not Present:
Governor JB Pritzker [<i>ex officio</i>]
Acting Secretary Gia Biagi [<i>ex officio</i>]

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

Safety Message

Chairman Rivera introduced Chief of Security and Safety, Arthur Grist, to provide this month’s Safety Message.

Mr. Grist demonstrated the new remote-controlled, child-sized “H.E.L.P. Truck Hank,” which premiered at the Chicago Auto Show. He explained that H.E.L.P. Truck Hank serves as a creative educational tool to share safety messages with younger children and toddlers. Moving forward,



H.E.L.P. Truck Hank will appear at Tollway Tykes safety events and touch-a-truck displays across the region to help families learn about safe driving and roadway safety.

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 January 28, 2025.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held January 28, 2025. Director Wright made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Item 2: Committee Reports

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

Item 3: Additional Items

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

Executive Director's Items

Executive Director Rouse began by thanking the Tollway staff for their hard work leading up to the Chicago Auto Show, with special recognition for the I-PASS On Demand team and the Safety Department. These groups were on-site every day to assist attendees with I-PASS and Pay By Plate account management, and they also offered Kids' Safety ID cards to families.

She went on to note that the Illinois Tollway Quarterly (formerly the Move Illinois Quarterly) convened in late January to collaborate with the construction industry and share updates on the Tollway's *Bridging the Future* capital plan, the ongoing *Move Illinois* program, and the development of the Agency's next major capital initiative. Over 375 construction professionals attended the meeting. Executive Director Rouse also addressed members of the Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association, and highlighted additional events planned with ACEC, ASCE, and other industry groups, to continue disseminating these updates. She encouraged



Directors and staff to listen to the ACEC Construction Works Podcast, which recently featured interviews with her and Director Paddock.

In recognition of National Engineers Week, Executive Director Rouse commended the excellent work of the Tollway's engineering teams, contractors, and consultants. As part of the celebration, the Tollway hosted a special event with local Girl Scouts in honor of Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day, offering hands-on STEM activities to inspire the next generation of engineers. Executive Director Rouse returned the floor to Chairman Rivera.

Items for Consideration

Finance

Item 1: Approval of the Retiree Health Insurance Premium for 2024 to the Illinois Department of Central Management Services per the State Employees Group Insurance Act (5 ILCS 375/11) in an amount not to exceed \$9,131,892.64.

Item 2: Award of Contract 24-0125 to Wellpoint Life and Health Insurance Company for the purchase of Employee Benefits Stop-Loss Insurance Coverage in an amount not to exceed \$1,195,899.00.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Finance Item 1**. Director Wright 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 **Finance Item 2**. Director Wright 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 24-0190 to CDW Government LLC for the purchase of Tenable Software Subscriptions with Maintenance and Support in an amount not to exceed \$566,444.80 (Order Against DoIT Master Contract).

Item 2: Amendment of Contract 20-0181 with NXGN, Inc. for the purchase of Liferay Software Maintenance and Support in an amount not to exceed \$225,841.12 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

Item 3: Amendment of Contract 23-0044R with SDI Presence LLC for the purchase of additional Security Operations Center Program items in an amount not to exceed \$33,007.50 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).



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

Engineering

Item 1: Award of Contract I-24-4975 to K-Five Construction Corporation for Plaza Improvements on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) at I-90 Mile Post 68.0 (Plaza 15 (IL 53)) and I-355 Mile Post 27.8 (Plaza 75 (North Avenue)) in the amount of \$15,890,124.65.

Item 2: Award of Contract I-24-4980 to Meade, Inc. for Fiber Optic System Improvements on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) from Mile Post 12.5 (I-55) to Mile Post 29.8 (Army Trail Road) in the amount of \$10,815,279.68.

Item 3: Award of Contract RR-24-9297 to RoadSafe Traffic Systems, Inc. for Pavement Marking Improvements Systemwide in the amount of \$6,263,497.65.

Item 4: Acceptance of Proposal from TransLand Engineering Group, LLC on Contract RR-24-4974 for Construction Management Services for Facility Improvements and Roof Rehabilitation on Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) at Mile Post 127.7 in an amount not to exceed \$2,128,000.00.

Item 5: Acceptance of Proposal from Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc. on Contract I-17-4678 for Supplemental Design Services for Roadway Design on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Tollway (I-490) from Mile Post 5.1 (Pratt Boulevard) to Mile Post 5.8 (Touhy Avenue) in the amount of \$2,100,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$6,450,000.00 to \$8,550,000.00.

Chairman Rivera stated that Director Neddermeyer has indicated in advance her wish to recuse herself on Engineering Item 1. Chairman Rivera then entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Item 1**. Director Wright made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. Chairman Rivera asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Wright, Director Gomez, Director Connolly, Director McConnaughay, Director Paddock, Director Perinar, Director Sweeney, Chairman Rivera (8)

Nays: (0)



Recusals: Director Neddermeyer (1)

The motion PASSED.

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

Legal

Chairman Rivera deferred action on Legal Item 1 until after consideration in the Executive Session.

Item 1: Authorization to Enter into a Settlement Agreement with Timber Trails Development Company, LLC and Real Property Holding; Tollway Parcels No. TW-5-16-018.1, TW-5-16-018.2, TW-5-16-018.T2 and TW-5-16-142.P. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Executive Session

Chairman Rivera called for a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to exceptions provided in Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (11), to consider Tollway matters related to pending or potential litigation. Director Wright 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 9:52 a.m., the Board entered the Executive Session.

Return from Executive Session and Action

[Director Paddock departed the meeting during the Executive Session at approximately 10:26 a.m.]

At approximately 10:28 a.m., the Board re-entered the public session of the Meeting.

Legal Item 1: Authorization to Enter into a Settlement Agreement with Timber Trails Development Company, LLC and Real Property Holding; Tollway Parcels No. TW-5-16-018.1, TW-5-16-018.2, TW-5-16-018.T2 and TW-5-16-142.P. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.



Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Legal Item 1**, as discussed in Executive Session. Director Wright 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 Wright made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:29 a.m.

Minutes taken by: _____

Christi Regnery
Board Secretary
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority