



Record of Meeting | March 20, 2025

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority's ("Tollway") Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, March 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 Stakeholder Engagement, Jay Ford, to provide this month's Safety Message.

Mr. Ford stated that the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration has designated April as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month and is encouraging transportation agencies, communities, and drivers to emphasize the importance of heightened safety



awareness. He also noted that, as part of the Tollway's ongoing commitment to safety, the "Drop It and Drive" campaign provides resources such as posters, flyers and public service announcements that any community or individual can share.

Public Comment

Chairman Rivera opened the floor for public comment.

Lien Dastigr of KAD Engineering addressed the Board. Ms. Dastigr offered comments in support of the Tollway's Partnering for Growth (P4G) Program.

Chairman Rivera thanked the speaker for her comments.

Chairman's Items

Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held February 20, 2025.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held February 20, 2025. Director Wright made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Item 2: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held February 20, 2025.

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

Chairman Rivera congratulated Executive Director Rouse on receiving recognition by Rich Township for her achievements and contributions to Rich Township Senior Services and the broader Southland community at its Third Annual Amazing Women Award Luncheon.

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



Executive Director's Items

Executive Director Rouse acknowledged Team Tollway's involvement in projects led by TranSystems and Globetrotters, which were recognized at the ACEC annual awards gala. Both projects received 2025 Honor Awards for exceptional engineering that meets client needs and enhances public welfare.

Items for Consideration

Finance

Item 1: Award of Contract 25-0025 to RSUI Indemnity Company, Westchester Fire Insurance Company, Lloyd's of London, Westchester Surplus Lines Insurance Company, SiriusPoint America Insurance Company and Federal Insurance Company for the purchase of Property Insurance Program Services through the insurance broker, Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc. (Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.) for the combined annual premium of \$2,566,970.00 for a one-year term (Order Against CMS Master Contract).

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

Engineering

Item 1: Award of Contract I-24-4979 to K-Five Construction Corporation for Plaza Improvements on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) from Mile Post 62.5 (Barrington Road) to Mile Post 70.8 (Arlington Heights Road) in the amount of \$13,804,906.91. [Recusal: Director Neddermeyer]

Item 2: Extra Work Order on I-21-4732 to Walsh Construction Company II, LLC for Railroad Bridge Construction Union Pacific Railroad and Earthwork on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Tollway (I-490) Franklin Avenue to South of Irving Park Road (IL-19) and the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between Mile Post 62.00 and Mile Post 62.25 (Barrington Road) in the amount of \$4,500,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$239,445,724.08 to \$243,945,724.08.

Item 3: Extra Work Order on I-21-4834 to Lorig Construction Company for Roadway and Bridge Reconstruction and Widening on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 27.8 (Ogden Avenue) and Mile Post 29.5 (Cermak Road) in the amount of \$6,600,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$136,176,727.77 to \$142,776,727.77.



Item 4: Extension of Contract 24-0230 with Meade, Inc. for the purchase of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Field Equipment Maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 (Tollway Emergency).

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 McConnaughay. Chairman Rivera asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Wright, Director McConnaughay, Director Gomez, Director Connolly, 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 2-4. Director Wright made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director McConnaughay. 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 Wright made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Executive Session

Chairman Rivera called for a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to exceptions provided in Section 2(c)(8), (11) and (21) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (8), (11) and (21), to consider Tollway matters related to safety and security, pending or potential litigation and the minutes of closed meetings. Director Wright made a motion, pursuant to the sections specified, to enter Executive Session, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

At approximately 10:04 a.m., the Board entered the Executive Session.

Return from Executive Session and Action

At approximately 11:06 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 February 20, 2025.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:08 a.m.

Minutes taken by: Christi Regnery
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Board Secretary
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