



Record of Meeting | April 17, 2025

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority's ("Tollway") Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, April 17, 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:	Board Members Not Present:
Director James Connolly	Governor JB Pritzker <i>[ex officio]</i>
Director Jacqueline Gomez	Acting Secretary Gia Biagi <i>[ex officio]</i>
Director Karen McConnaughay	
Director Melissa Neddermeyer	
Director Scott Paddock	
Director Gary Perinar, Jr.	
Director James Sweeney	
Director Mark Wright	
Chairman Arnaldo Rivera	

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

Safety Message

Chairman Rivera invited Arthur Grist, Chief of Security and Safety, to deliver this month's Safety Message. Mr. Grist noted that April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month and announced the Tollway's participation in the National Safety Council's "Just Drive" campaign, which urges motorists to maintain focused, distraction-free driving. He previewed a forthcoming video and a series of social-media posts the Agency will use to reinforce the message with Tollway customers.



Mr. Grist also recognized National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, sharing a video that highlights the critical work of the Tollway's telecommunicators and its roadway-response network. He concluded by spotlighting the *999 roadside-assistance service, which connects motorists in need with trained telecommunicators who can dispatch the appropriate response teams.

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 March 20, 2025.

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

Item 2: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held March 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

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

Executive Director's Items

Executive Director Rouse observed that April marks the start of the construction season, when the construction, transportation, and law-enforcement communities unite to urge motorists to slow down in work zones and protect both themselves and roadway crews. Employees were encouraged to wear orange today in anticipation of next week's National Work Zone Awareness



Week. Throughout the state, the Tollway will join IDOT and the Illinois State Police at press conferences to promote this year's theme: "Respect the Zone—So We All Get Home."

Executive Director Rouse also announced that the Tollway will again host a "Contracting with Government" workshop on Tuesday, May 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Schock Centre in Elgin. The event will feature presentations, networking sessions, and resources to help businesses compete for information-technology and other goods-and-services contracts with the Tollway and other state agencies.

Finally, Executive Director Rouse congratulated Acting Chief of Diversity and Strategic Development Marlene Vick, who received the Outstanding Community Outreach Award from the African American Contractors Association at its March 26 Awards Gala for her exceptional contributions to the community and local economy in 2024.

Executive Director Rouse introduced Tollway Inspector General, T.J. Hengesbach to present the Office of Inspector General's Summary Activity Report for September 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025. [See attached report.](#)

Items for Consideration

Finance

Item 1: *Renewal of Contract 18-0097 with CorVel Enterprise Comp, Inc. for the purchase of Workers' Compensation Claim Administration Services in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00 (Tollway Request for Proposal).*

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

Information Technology

Item 1: *Award of Contract 25-0024 to Matrix Systems Group, Inc. for the purchase of Okta Software Maintenance, Support, and Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000.00 (Order Against DoIT Master Contract).*

Item 2: *Increase to Contract 23-0137 with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of Mutual Aid Tower Equipment, Services, Maintenance, and Support in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 (Order Against DoIT Master Contract).*



Item 3: Award of Contract 24-0150 to National Tek Services, Inc. for the purchase of Infor EnRoute CAD Licenses, Maintenance, and Support in an amount not to exceed \$747,822.00 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

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

Facilities & Fleet Operations

Item 1: Award of Contract 23-0204R to Green Climber of North America, Inc. (d.b.a. Raymo USA) for the purchase of Remote-Control Electric Mowers in an amount not to exceed \$190,957.41 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

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

Engineering

Item 1: Award of Contract RR-24-4985 to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC for Pavement and Structural Rehabilitation and Plaza Improvements on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) from Mile Post 12.5 (East Riverside Boulevard) to Mile Post 30.0 (Garden Prairie Road) in the amount of \$11,085,224.83.

Item 2: Award of Contract RR-24-4986 to Plote Construction, Inc. for Pavement and Structural Rehabilitation on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) from Mile Post 30.0 (Garden Prairie Road) to Mile Post 52.2 (Randall Road) in the amount of \$11,671,000.00.

Item 3: Award of Contract RR-24-4969 to The George Sollitt Construction Company for Facility Improvements and Roof Rehabilitation on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) at Mile Post 127.7 (Central Warehouse and Sign Shop) and Veterans Memorial Tollway I-355 at Mile Post 22.0 (M-14 Maintenance Facility) in the amount of \$9,087,495.00.

Item 4: Change Order / Extra Work Order on I-21-4836 to Walsh Construction Company II, LLC for Interchange Reconstruction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Southbound I-294/I-290/I-88 Interchange from Mile Post 30.0 (Cermak Plaza 35) to Mile Post 32.4 (St. Charles Road) in the



amount of \$16,500,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$327,556,084.88 to \$344,056,084.88. [Recusal: Director Neddermeyer]

Item 5: Change Order / Extra Work Order on I-20-4533 to Judlau Contracting, Inc. for Roadway and Bridge Widening and Reconstruction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 32.4 (St. Charles Road) and Mile Post 33.5 (North Avenue) in the amount of \$8,650,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$134,102,172.41 to \$142,752,172.41. [Recusal: Director Wright]

Item 6: Acceptance of Proposal from HR Green, Inc. on Contract I-19-4478 for Supplemental Construction Management for Roadway Reconstruction and Widening on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 32 (St. Charles Road) and Mile Post 33 (North Avenue/Lake Street) in the amount of \$3,000,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$18,000,000.00 to \$21,000,000.00.

Item 7: Acceptance of Proposal from Lakeside Engineers, LLC. on Contract I-22-4852 for Supplemental Design Services Upon Request on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) in the amount of \$1,800,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$3,000,000.00 to \$4,800,000.00.

Chairman Rivera noted that Director Neddermeyer has indicated her intention to recuse herself from the decision on Engineering Item 4. Chairman Rivera then entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Item 4**. Director Perinar made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Sweeney. Chairman Rivera asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

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

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Director Neddermeyer (1)

The motion PASSED.

Chairman Rivera stated that Director Wright has indicated his wish to recuse himself from the decision on Engineering Item 5. Chairman Rivera then entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Item 5**. Director Perinar made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Sweeney. Chairman Rivera asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

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



Nays: (0)

Recusals: Director Wright (1)

The motion PASSED.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Engineering Items 1-3, 6 and 7. Director Perinar made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director Sweeney. 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, 6 and 7**. Director Perinar made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Sweeney. 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) (11), (21) and (29) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (11), (21) and (29), to consider Tollway matters related to pending or potential litigation, the minutes of closed meetings, and internal audit controls. Director Perinar made a motion, pursuant to the sections specified, to enter Executive Session, seconded by Director Sweeney. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

At approximately 10:09 a.m., the Board entered the Executive Session.

Return from Executive Session and Action

At approximately 11:21 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 March 20, 2025.

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

Adjournment

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



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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:22 a.m.

Christi Regnery

Minutes taken by: _____

Christi Regnery
Board Secretary
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority