



Record of Meeting | August 21, 2025

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority's ("Tollway") Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, August 21, 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 9:48 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	Secretary Gia Biagi <i>[ex officio]</i>
Director Manish Mehta	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 introduced Rohan Gayle, Chief of Maintenance and Traffic, to deliver the monthly Safety Message. Mr. Gayle highlighted the Tollway's Hot Weather Patrols and Zero Weather Road Patrols—teams that quickly locate and assist stranded motorists in extreme heat or subzero conditions, transporting them to Tollway maintenance garages, toll plazas, or oases while vehicles are serviced. He noted these patrols complement the Tollway H.E.L.P. program and *999 emergency roadside service, which provide free assistance 24/7. Stranded drivers were reminded to call *999 and report their roadway, direction, and nearest milepost or crossroad; turn on emergency flashers; and remain in their vehicles until help arrives.



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 July 28, 2025.

Chairman Rivera stated that consideration of **Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the regular Board of Directors meeting held on July 28, 2025, will be deferred.

Item 2: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held June 18, 2025.

Chairman Rivera stated that consideration of **Chair's Item 2**, the Executive Session minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held on July 28, 2025, will be deferred.

Item 3: Approval of Committee Assignments

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 1**. Director Paddock made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Item 4: Reaffirm votes taken during the July 28, 2025 Diversity & Inclusion Committee meeting and the Technology & Operations Committee meeting.

Chairman Rivera stated that consideration of **Chair's Item 4** will be deferred.

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 thanked the Talent Team and Tollway departments for delivering a successful summer internship program for 38 college students from 25 colleges and universities



across six states. She also recognized the I-PASS On Demand Team, the Safety Team, and other Tollway staff for their participation in the Bud Billiken Parade and Festival, where they provided excellent customer service, promoted I-PASS sticker tags, and produced more than 300 Kids ID cards.

Items for Consideration

Information Technology

Item 1: Award of Contract 25-0086 to Gartner, Inc. for the purchase of IT Research and Advisory Services in an amount not to exceed \$505,388.92 (Order Against DoIT Master Contract).

Item 2: Award of Contract 23-0120RRR to Nearmap US, Inc. for the purchase of High-Resolution Aerial Photography Subscription Services in an amount not to exceed \$467,460.00 for an initial three-year term and a possible three-year renewal term in an amount not to exceed \$493,929.00 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

Chairman Rivera clarified that Information Technology Item 2 was incorrectly listed on the meeting agenda as having a two-year initial term and a possible two-year renewal term. As correctly presented at committee by Chief Technology Officer Mike Shay, the contract award is for a three-year initial term and a possible three-year renewal term.

Item 3: Award of Contract 24-0141RRR to Vertosoft, LLC for the purchase of Kronos Software Support and Educational Services in an amount not to exceed \$181,451.30 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

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

Facilities & Fleet Operations

Item 1: Award of Contract 25-0121 with Direct Energy Business, LLC for the purchase of Bulk Electricity, Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$9,000,000.00 (Order Against CMS Master Contract).



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

Engineering

Item 1: Award of Contract I-25-4991 to K-Five Construction Corporation for Plaza Improvements on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) from Mile Post 114.5 (Orchard Road) to Mile Post 119.4 (Farnsworth Avenue) in the amount of \$24,371,303.96.

Item 2: Award of Contract RR-23-4900 to F. H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC for Plaza Improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from Mile Post 6.4 (159th Street) to Mile Post 29.9 (Cermak Road) in the amount of \$29,368,238.93.

Item 3: Award of Contract I-25-2014 to Aldridge Electric Inc. for Active Traffic Management (ATM) System, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Device and Fiber Installation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from Mile Post 33.6 (North Avenue) to Mile Post 40.0 (Balmoral Avenue) in the amount of \$9,947,717.05.

Item 4: Extra Work Order on I-21-4833 to F. H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC for Roadway and Bridge Reconstruction and Widening on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 26.4 (47th Street) and Mile Post 27.8 (Ogden Avenue) in the amount of \$2,600,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$110,289,513.75 to \$112,889,513.75.

Item 5: Acceptance of Proposal from Gotham Engineering, a Design Professional Corporation dba RailPros of Illinois / A. Epstein and Sons International, Inc., on Contract I-25-2003 for Design Services for Bridge Reconstruction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Mile Post 1.5 (Union Pacific Railroad) in an amount not to exceed \$5,754,406.17.

Item 6: Acceptance of Proposal from V3 Companies, Ltd. on Contract I-25-2002 for Design Services for Bridge Reconstruction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Mile Post 1.2 (Chicago Road) and Mile Post 1.6 (Vincennes Road) in an amount not to exceed \$7,687,519.66.

Item 7: Acceptance of Proposal from Bravo Company Engineering, Inc. on Contract I-25-2009 for Design Services for Plaza Improvements on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) in an amount not to exceed \$4,709,202.48.

Item 8: Acceptance of Proposal from American Veteran Engineering, PLLC on Contract RR-25-9302 for Construction Management Services Upon Request for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00.



Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Engineering Items 1-8. Director Paddock 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 1-8**. Director Paddock made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Legal

Item 1: Approval of an Addendum to an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County and the City of Elmhurst to reduce the Tollway's estimated participation cost from \$8,219,833 to \$1,177,162.

Item 2: Approval of an Addendum to an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for costs associated with the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project and I-490. Cost to the Tollway: \$705,456.

Item 3: Amendment to Resolution Nos. 16283, 16312, 16832, 17250 and 19806 establishing the Contract Cost Change Controls Committee ("C5"). Cost to the Tollway: \$0

Item 4: Amendment to Land Acquisition Resolution 22041 for the System-Wide Project to amend Exhibit A; adding three parcels that may need to be acquired by condemnation. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman Rivera stated that action on Legal Item 4 will be deferred until after consideration in Executive Session. He then entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Legal Items 1-3. Director Paddock 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 **Legal Items 1-3**. Director Paddock made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Gomez. 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)(5) and (11) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and (11), to consider Tollway matters related to the purchase or lease of real property and pending or potential litigation. Director Paddock 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 10:01 a.m., the Board entered the Executive Session.

Return from Executive Session and Action

At approximately 10:49 a.m., the Board re-entered the public session of the Meeting.

***Legal Item 4:** Amendment to Land Acquisition Resolution 22041 for the System-Wide Project to amend Exhibit A; adding three parcels that may need to be acquired by condemnation. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.*

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Legal Item 4**, as discussed in the Executive Session. Director Paddock 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 Paddock made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:52 a.m.

Minutes taken by: _____


Christi Regnery
Board Secretary
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority