

**Record of Meeting | November 20, 2025**

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority's ("Tollway") Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, November 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 9:50 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 Melissa Neddermeyer	Director Manish Mehta
Director Scott Paddock	
Director Gary Perinar	
Chairman Arnaldo Rivera	
Director Jim Sweeney	
Director Mark Wright	

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

Safety Message

Chief of Maintenance and Traffic Rohan Gayle emphasized the importance the Tollway places on safety and winter readiness to protect its customers. The Agency deploys rotating crews of more than 200 operators, mechanics and supervisors, supported by 196 snowplows and related equipment. About 105,000 tons of road salt are staged systemwide (average use ~59,000 tons per winter). Crews pretreat ramps, bridges and select roadway segments with brine to prevent bonding, and they use roadside sensors to track pavement temperatures and moisture to optimize plowing and salt/brine application.



Mr. Gayle provided the following tips for winter driving safety:

- Slow down and leave extra space—especially around plows and emergency responders.
- Give snowplows room; they travel below the speed limit and have limited visibility.
- Don't drive impaired; put phones away and focus on the road.

For roadside assistance during severe weather, drivers should dial *999 (24/7).

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 September 24, 2025.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held September 24, 2025. Director Connolly made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Item 2: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held October 22, 2025.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 2**, the minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held October 22, 2025. Director Connolly made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Item 3: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held September 24, 2025.

Chairman Rivera stated that without objection, action on Chair's Item 3 will be deferred until after consideration in the Executive Session.

Item 4: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held October 22, 2025.

Chairman Rivera stated that without objection, action on Chair's Item 4 will be deferred until after consideration in the Executive Session.

Item 5: Committee Reports



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

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

Executive Director's Items

Executive Director Rouse commended Governor Pritzker and leadership in both the House and Senate in Springfield for passing critical new transit legislation last month that will strengthen Illinois' regional transportation network and the State's economy. She noted that the legislation includes constructive recommendations that will enable the Tollway Board of Directors to determine how best to meet the needs of Tollway customers.

Ms. Rouse explained that over the past two years, the Tollway has been developing its next capital program by conducting extensive outreach across the 12 counties the Agency serves, engaging a Strategic Advisory Team, and completing a new Strategic Plan to guide the agency's future. She emphasized that the next capital program—and any changes to toll rates—will be reviewed and approved by the Tollway Board and will be shared openly with the public.

Ms. Rouse also thanked the Roadway Maintenance team for ensuring the Tollway is ready for winter and for reminding drivers how to prepare for safe travel when snowy and icy weather arrives.

She further highlighted recent industry events where Tollway staff participated in dialogue with transportation and construction industry partners and shared their expertise, including:

- The Association of Construction Engineering Companies' Fall Conference.
- The HACIA Forum on the State of Transportation in Illinois.

Finally, Executive Director Rouse shared that during the holiday season, Team Tollway is giving back to the communities it serves through:

- The annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, supporting Downers Grove FISH, an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization that operates a food pantry, senior food delivery, and provides financial assistance to residents in need.
- Participation in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots gift drive, which directly supports economically disadvantaged children in more than 800 communities across all 50 states, including the Tollway's 12-county region.

Executive Director Rouse, having no further items to report, returned the floor to Chairman Rivera.



Items for Consideration

Finance

Item 1: Authorize issuance of \$1.03 billion of Revenue Bonds to refund all or portions of the Series 2015B, 2016A, and 2016B Bonds and amend prior resolution to update Improvement Requirement.

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

Item 2: Award of Contract 25-1081 to Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc. for the purchase of Cyber Liability Insurance Coverage in an amount not to exceed \$270,895.00 (Order Against CMS Master Contract).

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Finance Item 2**. Director Connolly 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 25-1033 to Matrix Systems Group, Inc. for the purchase of Okta Software, Maintenance, Support, and Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,257,026.52 (Order Against DoIT Master Contract).

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Information Technology Item 1**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Item 2: Award of Contract 25-1087 to A-1 Lock, Inc. for the purchase of Security Cameras, Readers, Locks, Accessories, and Services in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 (Order Against CMS Master Contract).

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Information Technology Item 2**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Engineering



Item 1: Award of Contract RR-25-9305 to Western Utility, LLC for Fiber Optic System Construction Systemwide in the amount of \$3,908,235.88.

Item 2: Acceptance of Proposal from Structure Designs, Incorporated on Contract RR-25-2019 for Construction Management Services for Bridge Rehabilitation Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$1,617,775.82.

Item 3: Acceptance of Proposal from Bloom Companies, LLC on Contract RR-25-2020 for Construction Management Services for Bridge Rehabilitation on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Mile Post 44.5 (Howland Creek) and Mile Post 74.3 (Steward Creek) in an amount not to exceed \$3,685,999.99.

Item 4: Award of Contract 25-1036 to Morton Salt, Inc. and Compass Minerals America, Inc. for the purchase of Bulk Rock Salt in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$4,820,122.80 (Order Against CMS Master Contract).

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action **Engineering Items 1-4**. Director Connolly 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 1-4**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Legal

Item 1: Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Naperville for work associated with bridge rehabilitation over I-88. Cost to the Tollway: The City is reimbursing the Tollway an estimated amount of \$386,639.98.

Item 2: Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with DuPage County for work associated with bridge rehabilitation over I-88. Cost to the Tollway: The County is reimbursing the Tollway an estimated amount of \$1,857,217.06.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Legal Item 1**. Director Connolly 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 **Legal Item 2**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.



Business Systems

Item 1: Award of Contract 25-0137 to Electronic Transaction Consultants, LLC for the purchase of Toll Revenue Management and Maintenance Program Services in an amount not to exceed \$10,658,377.00 (Tollway Sole Source).

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Business Systems Item 1**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, 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 the exceptions provided in Sections 2(c)(11) and (21) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) and (21), to consider Tollway matters related to pending or potential litigation and the minutes of closed meetings. Director Connolly 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 10:06 a.m., the Board entered the Executive Session.

Return from Executive Session and Action

At approximately 11:02 a.m., the Board re-entered the public session of the meeting.

Chair's Item 3: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held September 24, 2025.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 3**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Chair's Item 4: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held October 22, 2025.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 4**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment



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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:04 a.m.

Minutes taken by:

Christi Regnery
Board Secretary
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority