



## Record of Meeting | January 21, 2026

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (“Tollway”) held the regularly scheduled Engineering, Planning & Development Oversight Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 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 Directors.]*

### Call to Order / Roll Call

Committee Chair Connolly called the meeting to order at approximately 9:45 a.m. and asked the Board Secretary to call the roll. The Directors present and absent were as follows:

Committee Members Present:	Other Directors Present:
Committee Chair Connolly	Director Jaqueline Gomez
Director Mark Wright	Director Melissa Neddermeyer
Director Scott Paddock	Chairman Arnie Rivera
Director James Sweeney	
Committee Members Not Present:	
None	

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

### Public Comment

Committee Chair Connolly opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was offered.

### Committee Chair’s Items

Committee Chair Connolly entertained a motion to approve **Committee Chair’s Item 1**, the minutes of the regular Engineering, Planning & Development Oversight Committee meeting held on December 18, 2025. Director Paddock made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Sweeney. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.



Having no further items, Committee Chair Connolly called on Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse.

## Executive Director

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Executive Director Rouse noted that the meeting agenda contains 6 items for the Committee's consideration.

## Items for Consideration

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### Engineering

Executive Director Rouse asked Manar Nashif, Chief Engineering Officer, to present to the Committee the following agenda items:

*Item 1: Award of Contract I-25-4766 to OHLA Central, Inc./Judlau Contracting, Inc. (JV) for Roadway Construction on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (I-490) between Mile Post 3.3 (Irving Park Road) to Mile Post 4.3 (Devon Avenue) in the amount of \$38,218,135.25.*

*Item 2: Award of Contract I-25-2027 to Natural Creations Landscaping, Inc. for Landscape Planting Improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from Mile Post 23.1 (I-55) to Mile Post 29.5 (Cermak Road) in the amount of \$2,999,988.50.*

*Item 3: Change Order / Extra Work Order on I-21-4746 to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC for Roadway Construction on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Tollway (I-490) at Mile Post 5.75 (Touhy Avenue) in the amount of \$770,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$10,518,648.27 to \$11,288,648.27.*

*Item 4: Acceptance of Proposal from Rubinos & Mesia Engineers, Inc. on Contract I-19-4469 for Supplemental Design Services for Systemwide Bridge Reconstruction on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) at Mile Post 19.8 (Bypass U.S. 20) in the amount of \$892,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$2,998,226.27 to \$3,890,226.27.*

*Item 5: Acceptance of Proposal from HR Green, Inc. on Contract I-19-4478 for Supplemental Construction Management Services 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 \$1,000,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$21,000,000.00 to \$22,000,000.00.*



Upon conclusion of the presentation of items, Committee Chair Connolly stated that Director Wright has indicated in advance his wish to recuse himself from participating in the decision on Engineering Item 1.

Committee Chair Connolly then entertained a motion to approve placement of **Engineering Item 1** on the January Board of Directors meeting agenda with the Committee's recommendation for approval by the Board. Director Paddock made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Sweeney. Committee Chair Connolly asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Paddock, Director Sweeney, Committee Chair Connolly (3)

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Director Wright (1)

The motion PASSED.

Committee Chair Connolly entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action **Engineering Items 2-5**. Director Paddock 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, Committee Chair Connolly entertained a motion to approve placement of **Engineering Items 2-5** on the January Board of Directors meeting agenda with the Committee's recommendation for approval by the Board. Director Paddock made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Sweeney. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

## Legal

Executive Director Rouse requested that action on Legal Item 1 be deferred until after consideration in the Executive Session of the full Board meeting.

*Item 1: Authorization to Enter into a Settlement Agreement with F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates LLC. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.*

Without objection, Committee Chair Connolly deferred action on Legal Item 1 until after consideration in the Executive Session of the full Board meeting.

## Adjournment

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There being no further business before the Committee, Committee Chair Connolly requested a motion to adjourn. Director Paddock made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Sweeney. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:56 a.m.

Minutes taken by:   
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Christi Regnery  
Board Secretary  
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority