



## Record of Meeting | March 19, 2026

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority’s (“Tollway”) Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, March 19, 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 the Board.*]

## Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairman Rivera called the meeting to order at approximately 9:54 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 Manish Mehta
Director Melissa Neddermeyer
Director Scott Paddock
Chairman Arnaldo Rivera
Director Jim Sweeney

Board Members Not Present:
Governor JB Pritzker <i>[ex officio]</i>
Secretary Gia Biagi <i>[ex officio]</i>
Director Mark Wright

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

## Safety Message

Deputy Chief of Traffic and Incident Management Steve Mednis stated that April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month and urged drivers to stay alert. He noted that distractions extend beyond cell phone use and include eating, adjusting controls, talking with passengers, and losing focus. Mr. Mednis emphasized that traffic conditions can change quickly and that, at highway speeds, even a brief distraction can cause a vehicle to travel hundreds of feet without the driver watching the road, increasing risks for all motorists, especially roadway workers. He added that the Tollway is launching its “Drop It and Drive” campaign during the month with the message: “Drive First. Everything else can wait.”



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## Public Comment

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Chairman Rivera opened the floor for public comment. Steve Bahnsen addressed the Board. Mr. Bahnsen noted that exit numbers have been added to westbound I-90 signage, improving navigation for motorists, particularly out-of-state drivers, and asked when remaining signage updates near Beloit, north of Rockford, will be completed.

Chairman Rivera thanked the speaker for his comments.

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## Chairman's Items

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*Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held February 19, 2026.*

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held February 19, 2026. 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 Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held February 19, 2026.*

Chairman Rivera stated that without objection, action on Chair's Item 2 will be deferred until after consideration in the Executive Session.

*Item 3: Reappointment of Board Secretary and Assistant Board Secretary.*

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 3**, the reappointment of the Board Secretary and Assistant Board Secretary. Director Connolly made a motion to approve the item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

*Item 4: 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 Cassandra Rouse.

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## Executive Director's Items

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Executive Director Rouse stated that March is Women's History Month and highlighted this year's theme, "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future." She recognized the



contributions of women across the Tollway and noted that staff from the Planning, Engineering, and Communications departments hosted 30 Girl Scouts for hands-on STEAM activities. Ms. Rouse concluded by sharing NBC 5's Women's History Month coverage featuring women Equipment Operator Laborers and the Tollway's first female maintenance section manager.

Executive Director Rouse returned the floor to Chairman Rivera.

## Items for Consideration

### Information Technology

*Item 1: Award of Contract 26-1222 to Matrix Systems Group, Inc. for the purchase of SAP SuccessFactors Licenses, Services, Maintenance and Support in an amount not to exceed \$18,462,013.89 (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.

### Facilities & Fleet Operations

*Item 1: Award of Contract 25-1103 to Energy Absorption Systems, LLC for the purchase of Trailer-Mounted Crash Attenuators in an amount not to exceed \$507,788.10 (Order Against CMS Master Contract). [Recusal: Director Mehta]*

*Item 2: Award of Contract 24-0237R to Smart Innovations LLC for the purchase of Forklift Safety Inspections and Repair Services in an amount not to exceed \$206,968.00 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).*

*Item 3: Renewal of Contract 21-0205R with Reliable Fire Equipment, LLC for the purchase of Fire Alarm Inspections and Repair Services in an amount not to exceed \$498,733.33 (Tollway Invitation for Bid – Small Business Set-Aside).*

Chairman Rivera stated that Director Mehta has indicated in advance his wish to recuse himself from the decision on Facilities & Fleet Operations Item 1.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Facilities & Fleet Operations Item 1**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. Chairman Rivera asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Neddermeyer, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney, Chairman Rivera (6)



Nays: (0)

Recusals: Director Mehta (1)

The motion PASSED.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Facilities & Fleet Operations Item 2**. 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 **Facilities & Fleet Operations Item 3**. 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-25-2022 to Foundation Mechanics, LLC for Bridge Rehabilitation on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) from Mile Post 53.9 (IL Route 26) to Mile Post 74.3 (Steward Creek) in the amount of \$10,942,860.84.*

*Item 2: Award of Contract RR-25-2026 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for Bridge Rehabilitation on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) from Mile Post 44.5 (Howland Creek) to Mile Post 54.4 (IL Route 26 Ramp) in the amount of \$11,986,023.67.*

*Item 3: Award of Contract RR-25-4998 to Meade, Inc. for Lighting Repairs Systemwide in the amount of \$9,721,365.22.*

*Item 4: Acceptance of Proposal from Gonzalez Companies, LLC on Contract RR-25-2031 for Construction Management Services Upon Request Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00.*

*Item 5: Acceptance of Proposal from American Engineering Consultants, Inc. on Contract I-25-4997 for Construction Management Services Upon Request Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00.*

*Item 6: Acceptance of Proposal from SQN Associates, LLC on Contract I-25-2029 for Construction Management Services for Asphalt Overlay and Pavement Marking on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from Mile Post 23.0 (I-55) to Mile Post 29.5 (Cermak Road) in an amount not to exceed \$4,200,000.00.*

*Item 7: Acceptance of Proposal from HR Green, Inc. on Contract I-25-2030 for Construction Management Services for Roadway, Bridge and Ramp Reconstruction and Widening on the Tri-*



*State Tollway (I-294) from Mile Post 32.4 (St. Charles Road) to Mile Post 33.6 (North Avenue) in an amount not to exceed \$5,600,000.00.*

*Item 8: Acceptance of Proposal from Knight E/A, Inc./V3 Companies, Ltd on Contract I-18-4701 for Supplemental Construction Corridor Management and Corridor Program Manager Services (CCM/CPM) on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (EOWA) Corridor (Illinois Route 390/I-490) in the amount of \$5,072,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$100,200,000.00 to \$105,272,000.00. [Recusal: Director Mehta]*

*Item 9: Acceptance of Proposal from Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. on Contract I-18-4700 for Supplemental Design Corridor Management Services on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (EOWA) Corridor (Illinois Route 390/I-490) in the amount of \$4,417,200.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$36,000,000.00 to \$40,417,200.00. [Recusal: Director Mehta]*

*Item 10: Award of Contract 24-0153 to Adesta LLC for the purchase of Fiber Optic Network Management and Maintenance Services in an amount not to exceed \$55,427,984.81 (Tollway Request for Proposal).*

Chairman Rivera stated that Director Mehta has indicated in advance his wish to recuse himself from the decision on Engineering Items 8 and 9.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Item 8**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. Chairman Rivera asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Neddermeyer, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney, Chairman Rivera (6)

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Director Mehta (1)

The motion PASSED.

Chairman Rivera then entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Item 9**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Connolly. Chairman Rivera asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Neddermeyer, Director Paddock, Director Sweeney, Chairman Rivera (6)

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Director Mehta (1)



The motion PASSED.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action **Engineering Items 1 thru 7 and 10**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director Connolly. 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 thru 7 and 10**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Connolly. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

### **Executive Session**

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Chairman Rivera called for a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to the exceptions provided in Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21), to consider Tollway matters related to 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 10:22 a.m., the Board entered the Executive Session.

### **Return from Executive Session and Action**

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At approximately 10:33 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 19, 2026.*

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 2**. 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.



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Minutes of the  
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The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:34 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christi Regnery".

Minutes taken by: \_\_\_\_\_

Christi Regnery  
Board Secretary  
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority