



Record of Meeting | July 16, 2026

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority's ("Tollway") Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, July 16, 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 9:26 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 Jackie Gomez	Secretary Gia Biagi <i>[ex officio]</i>
Director Melissa Neddermeyer	Director Manish Mehta
Director Scott Paddock	
Director Jim Sweeney	
Director Mark Wright	
Chairman Arnie Rivera	

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

Safety Message

Chairman Rivera introduced Rohan Gayle, Chief of Maintenance and Traffic, to provide the safety message.

Mr. Gayle reported that early Sunday, in response to hazardous temperatures, the Illinois Tollway activated 24-hour Hot Weather Patrols. Supplementing regular H.E.L.P. trucks, the Patrols respond to *999 calls, proactively assisted stranded motorists and, when necessary, transported them to air-conditioned locations. This was the second activation of the summer; crews assisted more than 800 motorists during the previous deployment and more than 3,600 last year. Drivers were encouraged to (i) ensure their vehicles are road-ready, and (ii) carry emergency supplies.



Public Comment

Chairman Rivera opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke in support of the Tollway's proposed toll increases and capital plan, *Driving Connections*:

- Michael Sturino, Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association
- Kevin Artl, American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois
- Mary Lou Kutska, Women's Transportation Seminar
- Michael Charles Hilson, Black Contractors Owners & Executives

Steve Bahnsen thanked the Tollway for providing Illinois maps at the Lincoln Oasis.

Chairman Rivera thanked the speakers for their comments.

Chairman's Items

Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held June 18, 2026.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held June 18, 2026. Director Paddock 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 June 18, 2026.

Chairman Rivera stated that without objection, action on Chair's Item 2 and 3 will be deferred until after consideration in the Executive Session.

Item 3: Approval of Executive Session Minutes for Public Release.

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.

Executive Director's Items



Executive Director Rouse provided an update on *Driving Connections*, the capital program introduced in June, which will strengthen infrastructure, improve regional connectivity and prepare the Illinois Tollway for the future. She shared photos from recent public hearings, which will be held in communities across the 12 counties served by the Tollway. She noted that at each hearing, a court reporter records all comments for the public record and that the public may attend hearings in person, view the Tollway presentations online and submit feedback through the Tollway's website as well as by mail, email and other methods.

Ms. Rouse also reported that the Illinois Auditor General released the Tollway's independently audited 2025 financial report last week and no reportable issues with the Agency's financial reporting were identified. In addition, she reported that the Tollway's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report has been recognized for excellence in financial reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association for 29 consecutive years. She commended Chief Financial Officer Cathy Williams and the Finance team, noting that these results reflect the Agency's continued commitment to transparency, accountability and responsible stewardship.

Ms. Rouse then introduced a video highlighting the Tollway's expanding fiber-optic network, which provides the communications backbone for traffic cameras, message signs, roadway sensors and emergency response systems to operate in real time.

Finally, Ms. Rouse introduced a video highlighting the impact of the Tollway's strategic investments. She noted that each Tollway project can create opportunities beyond the roadway, including stronger local economies, greater access to jobs, a broader tax base and new investment.

Executive Director Rouse returned the floor to Chairman Rivera.

Items for Consideration

Finance

Chairman Rivera asked Cathy Williams, Chief Financial Officer, to present to the Board the following Finance item:

***Item 1:** Payment to the Illinois Auditor General Audit Expense Fund for the Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Audit in the amount of \$423,800.00.*

Upon conclusion of the item presentation, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Finance Item 1**. Director Paddock 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 26-1319 to CDW Government LLC for the purchase of Arctera Software License Subscriptions in an amount not to exceed \$371,814.00 (Order Against DoIT Master Contract).

Item 2: Award of Contract 26-1320 to AHEAD, Inc. for the purchase of Dell EMC Maintenance and Support in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 (Order Against DoIT Master Contract).

Item 3: Award of Contract 26-1253 to Presidio Networked Solutions LLC for the purchase of ReliaQuest Security Operations Center in an amount not to exceed \$1,301,730.00 (Order Against DoIT Master Contract).

Item 4: Award of Contract 26-1263 to Carahsoft Technology Corp. for the purchase of Salesforce eBlast Services in an amount not to exceed \$299,313.93 (Release Off a Multiple Award Master Contract).

Item 5: Award of Contract 26-1277 to Unisys Corporation for Unisys Maintenance and Support Services in an amount not to exceed \$863,993.00 (Tollway Sole Economically Feasible Source).

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action **Information Technology Items 1 through 5**. 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 through 5**. Director Paddock made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Engineering

Item 1: Award of Contract RR-26-2048 to Industrial Fence, Inc. for Roadway Appurtenance Repairs Systemwide in the amount of \$3,127,860.70.

Item 2: Award of Contract I-20-4720 to Dunnet Bay Construction Company for Roadway and Bridge Construction on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Tollway (I-490) between Mile Post 3.9 (Supreme Drive) and Mile Post 6.3 (I-90) in the amount of \$177,874,997.12.

Item 3: Acceptance of Proposal from OSEH, Inc. on Contract I-26-2040 for Construction Management Services for Interchange Reconstruction, Asphalt Overlay and Pavement Marking



Installation Construction Management on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 30.0 (Cermak Plaza 35) and Mile Post 33.5 (North Avenue) in an amount not to exceed \$5,500,000.00.

Item 4: Acceptance of Proposal from Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. on Contract I-26-2046 for Design Services on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (I-490) West Landside Reserve Area in an amount not to exceed \$11,900,000.00.

Item 5: Award of Contract 25-0128RR to Noor Associates Inc. for the purchase of Roadway Reflectors in an amount not to exceed \$167,420.00 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action **Engineering Items 1 through 5**. 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 through 5**. 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 the exceptions provided in Section 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 probable litigation and the minutes of closed meetings. 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 10:16 a.m., the Board entered the Executive Session.

Return from Executive Session and Action

At approximately 10:30 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 June 18, 2026.

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

Chair's Item 3: Approval of Executive Session Minutes for Public Release.



Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 3**. 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 10:31 a.m.

Minutes taken by: _____

Christi Regnery
Board Secretary
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority