



## Record of Meeting | August 31, 2023

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority's ("Tollway") Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, August 31, 2023, 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 9:32 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 Karen McConnaughay
Director Melissa Neddermeyer
Director Scott Paddock
Director Gary Perinar, Jr.
Director James Sweeney
Director Mark Wright
Chairman Arnaldo Rivera

Board Members Not Present:
Governor JB Pritzker [ <i>ex officio</i> ]
Secretary Omer Osman [ <i>ex officio</i> ]

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

Chairman Rivera asked Captain Linda Mandat of Illinois State Police Troop 15 to provide the monthly safety message.

## Safety Message

Leading up to the Labor Day holiday, Captain Linda Mandat emphasized the importance of driving sober. She cited NHTSA statistics, which revealed that out of the 1,334 crash fatalities in 2021, approximately 25% were attributed to alcohol.



Captain Mandat mentioned that on August 26, 2023, Troop 15 took part in "Saturation Saturday," a campaign initiated by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) aimed at eliminating drunk driving and deterring impaired driving. She reported that within a brief 10-hour period, Troop 15 Troopers removed four impaired drivers from the Tollway system. Moreover, between January 1 and July 31, 2023, Troopers arrested 406 impaired drivers.

Captain Mandat encouraged drivers to plan ahead, explore alternative commuting options, and make responsible choices to avoid driving while impaired.

### Public Comment

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Chairman Rivera opened the floor for public comment.

Lien Dahstgir, President & CEO, KAD Engineering PLLC, addressed the Board. Ms. Dahstgir offered comments in support of the Tollway's DBE and Technical Assistance programs.

Chairman Rivera thanked Ms. Dahstgir for her comments.

### Chair's Items

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*Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held July 27, 2023.*

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held July 27, 2023, as presented. Director Gomez made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

*Item 2: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held July 27, 2023.*

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

*Item 3: Committee Reports*

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

*Item 4: Approval of Committee Assignments.*



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

*Item 5: Additional Items*

Chairman Rivera, having no further items, turned the floor over to Executive Director Cassandra Rouse.

### **Executive Director's Items**

Executive Director Rouse expressed her gratitude to Director Sweeney and Local 150 for collaborating with the Tollway's Diversity and Engineering departments to host the Emerging Technologies Training at a facility in Wilmington, IL. She explained that the workshop aimed to help firms enhance their proficiency in using automated machine guidance for advanced grading, as both the Tollway and IDOT are planning to incorporate 3D modeling and building information modeling into their design and construction projects.

Before the Labor Day weekend, Executive Director Rouse extended her appreciation to Tollway employees and contractors for their diligent efforts to maintain and rebuild Tollway roads. She also thanked those employees working during the Labor Day weekend to assist Tollway customers and urged all drivers to prioritize safety by wearing seatbelts.

Further, Executive Director Rouse mentioned that she and Chairman Rivera had received an invitation to participate in the Lincoln Forum luncheon on October 4th. She stated that they intended to use this opportunity to initiate discussions about the Tollway's role in boosting economic opportunities, advancing equity, and addressing the region's needs in its forthcoming strategic and capital plan.

### **Items for Consideration**

#### **Information Technology**

*Item 1: Award of Contract 23-0137 to Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of Mutual Aid Tower Equipment, Services, Maintenance, and Support in an amount not to exceed \$6,631,740.12 (Order Against DoIT Master Contract).*

*Item 2: Award of Contract 23-0027 to SHI International Corp. for the purchase of Claims Tracking Software and Services in an amount not to exceed \$321,843.00 (Release Off a Multiple Award Master Contract).*



Item 3: Award of Contract 22-0089 to SDI Presence LLC for the purchase of Technology Professional Services in an amount not to exceed \$36,907,283.33 (Tollway Request for Proposal).

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

### Engineering

Item 1: Award of Contract RR-23-9283 to William T. Connelly, Inc. dba Connelly Electric Co. for Traffic Operations Center and Dispatch Center Renovation Electrical Construction on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) at Mile Post 19.8 (Central Administration Building) in the amount of \$2,396,000.00.

Item 2: Award of Contract RR-23-9284 to AGAE Contractors, Inc. for Traffic Operations Center and Dispatch Center Renovation General Construction on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) at Mile Post 19.8 (Central Administration Building) in the amount of \$2,057,000.00.

Item 3: Extra Work Order on I-21-4834 to Lorig Construction Company for Roadway and Bridge Reconstruction and Widening on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 27.8 (Ogden Avenue) and Mile Post 29.5 (Cermak Road) in the amount of \$2,286,990.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$131,316,631.15 to \$133,603,621.15.

Item 4: Acceptance of Proposal from SE3, LLC on Contract RR-23-4892 for Construction Management Services Upon Request, Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00.

Item 5: Acceptance of Proposal from Graef-USA, Inc. on Contract RR-23-4893 for Design Services Upon Request, Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Engineering Items 1-5. Director Gomez made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Items 1-5**. Director Gomez made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.



## Legal

*Item 1: Authorization to enter into a Workers' Compensation Settlement – Scott Fike. As discussed in Executive Session.*

*Item 2: Authorization to enter into a Workers' Compensation Settlement – Cynthia Williams. As discussed in Executive Session.*

Chairman Rivera stated that without objection, Legal Items 1 and 2 will be deferred until after consideration in Executive Session.

## Diversity & Strategic Development

*Item 1: Extension of Contract 22-0164 with Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership for the purchase of Workforce Development Technical Assistance Initiative Services in an amount not to exceed \$599,939.34 (Tollway Sole Source).*

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Diversity & Strategic Development Item 1**. Director Gomez made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director McConaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

## Executive Session

Chairman Rivera called for a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to exceptions provided in Section 2(c)(2), (8), (11) and (21) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), (8), (11) and (21), to consider Tollway matters related to collective bargaining, safety and security procedures, pending or probable litigation and the minutes of closed meetings. Director Gomez made a motion, pursuant to the sections specified, to enter Executive Session, seconded by Director McConaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

At approximately 9:43 a.m., the Board entered Executive Session.

## Return from Executive Session and Action (if any)

At approximately 12:28 p.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 July 27, 2023.*

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 2**, the Executive Session minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held July 27, 2023. Director Gomez made a motion to approve



the minutes, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Legal Item 1: Authorization to enter into a Workers' Compensation Settlement – Scott Fike. As discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Legal Item 1**, as discussed in the Executive Session. Director Gomez made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Legal Item 2: Authorization to enter into a Workers' Compensation Settlement – Cynthia Williams. As discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Legal Item 2**, as discussed in the Executive Session. Director Gomez made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

**Adjournment**

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

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

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

Christi Regnery  
Board Secretary  
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority