



## Record of Meeting | September 28, 2023

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority's ("Tollway") Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, September 28, 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 9:26 a.m. Given Director Paddock's advance notice to the Board Secretary of his inability to attend due to conflicting business commitments and given that a quorum of the committee was physically present, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and Tollway By-laws, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to allow Director Paddock's participation by audio conference. Director Sweeney made such a motion, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Rivera 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 <i>[by telephone]</i>
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 Lt. Ken Benson of Illinois State Police Troop 15 to provide the monthly safety message.

### Safety Message

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Lt. Benson discussed the importance of proper seatbelt usage and child restraints to prevent injury in the event of an accident and encouraged all passengers to buckle up. Lt. Benson noted that State law requires all passengers over the age of 8 to wear a seatbelt and mandates that children under the age of 8 be secured in appropriate child restraint. Lt. Benson stated that the Tollway and Illinois State Police will be conducting a K.I.S.S. (Kids Identification and Safety Seat) event in Tinley Park on September 30, 2023 and will provide free seat inspections to ensure kids are properly secured.

### Public Comment

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Chairman Rivera opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals addressed the Board, each offering comments concerning the Tollway's ongoing negotiations with Teamsters Local 700:

- Geoff Daniels, Business Agent, Teamsters Local 700
- Lonnie Phillips
- Howard Ziegler

Chairman Rivera thanked the speakers for their comments.

### Chair's Items

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*Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held August 31, 2023.*

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held August 31, 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 August 31, 2023.*

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



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Item 3: Committee Reports

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

Item 4: Additional Items

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

**Executive Director's Items**

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Executive Director Rouse welcomed Karyn Robles as the Tollway's new Chief of Planning, highlighting her over 20 years of industry experience and familiarity with many Tollway projects.

The Tollway showcased its commitment to fostering future talent by offering high school students from four Chicago schools practical experience at the I-490 Tollway project and maintenance sites. Through this initiative, which places a strong emphasis on safety, the Tollway aims to inspire students by introducing them to real-world engineering and construction tasks and highlighting potential career opportunities within the industry and specifically at the Tollway. Executive Director Rouse expressed her gratitude to all the staff who played a role in making the event successful.

Ms. Rouse announced the ratification of a new contract by members of AFSCME, noting that the contract will be considered by the Board at today's meeting. She commended both sides for the successful efforts made to reach agreement on competitive wages and benefits for valued Tollway team members.

Ms. Rouse announced that a dedication event for the Alice Fitch Gallagher Memorial Pedestrian Bridge is slated for October 14, commemorating the late Director Gallagher's commitment to her community.

Executive Director Rouse introduced a "Tollway Update" video to share highlights of recent agency events and accomplishments.

Upon conclusion of the video presentation, Executive Director Rouse introduced Tollway Inspector General, T.J. Hengesbach to present the Office of Inspector General's Summary Activity Report for March 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023. [See attached report.](#)

At the end of the Summary Activity Report and discussion, Executive Director Rouse returned the floor to Chairman Rivera.



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## Items for Consideration

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### Finance

*Item 1: Payment to the Illinois Auditor General Audit Expense Fund for the Fiscal Year 2022 Financial and Compliance Audit in the amount of \$696,000.00.*

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

### Information Technology

*Item 1: Award of Contract 23-0129 to SHI International Corp. for the purchase of Privileged Access Management Subscriptions and Implementation Services in an amount not to exceed \$285,809.67 (Release Of a Multiple Award Master Contract).*

*Item 2: Award of Contract 23-0069 to C.D.S. Office Systems Incorporated (d.b.a. CDS Office Technologies) for the purchase of Laptops and Accessories plus Maintenance and Support in an amount not to exceed \$167,100.00 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).*

*Item 3: Award of Contract 23-0155 to Zones, LLC for the purchase of VMware Software Licenses, Maintenance, and Support in an amount not to exceed \$1,865,045.96 (Order Against DoIT Master Contract).*

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.

### Facilities & Fleet Operations

*Item 1: Award of Contract 23-0091 to ISOLT LLC and Chicago Metro Construction (d.b.a. Arlington Glass & Mirror Co.) for the purchase of Building Glass Repair Services in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$170,348.27 for an initial two-year term and a possible two-year renewal term in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$174,071.57 (Tollway Invitation for Bid – Small Business Set-Aside).*



Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Facilities & Fleet Operations Item 1**. Director Gomez made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

## Engineering

*Item 1: Award of Contract RR-22-4866R to Aldridge Electric, Inc. for Plaza Improvements on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) at Mile Post 12.6 (Plaza 2 East Riverside Boulevard) in the amount of \$2,336,970.96.*

*Item 2: Award of Contract I-23-4895 to Fox Excavating, Inc. for Watermain Improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Mile Post 20.9 (LaGrange Road) in the amount of \$575,390.00.*

*Item 3: Award of Contract RR-23-4907 to John Burns Construction Company, LLC for LED Underpass Lighting Improvements Systemwide in the amount of \$3,098,423.50.*

*Item 4: Acceptance of Proposal from State Materials Engineering, LLC dba S.T.A.T.E. Testing, LLC on Contract RR-22-4851 for Materials Engineering Services, Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$20,311,945.47.*

*Item 5: Acceptance of Proposal from D B Sterlin Consultants, Inc. on Contract RR-22-9269 for Program Management and Construction Management Services Job Order Contracting (JOC), Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$14,300,000.00.*

*Item 6: Acceptance of Proposal from H.W. Lochner, Inc. / d'Escoto, Inc. / Illinois Construction & Environmental Consulting, Inc. on Contract I-19-4710 for Supplemental Construction Management Services on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between North Avenue and Grand Avenue in the amount of \$1,800,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$11,996,920.00 to \$13,796,920.00.*

Chairman Rivera noted that Director Neddermeyer has indicated in advance her wish to recuse herself on Engineering Item 2. He stated that without objection, this item would be taken first.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Item 2**. Director Gomez made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director McConnaughay. Chairman Rivera asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Gomez, Director McConnaughay, Director Connolly, Director Paddock, Director Perinar, Director Sweeney, Director Wright, Chairman Rivera (8)

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Director Neddermeyer (1)



Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Engineering Items 1, 3-6. 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, 3-6**. Director Gomez made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

## Legal

*Item 1: Land Acquisition – Declaration of Excess Property and Transfer of Interest in Parcel N-8A-118.1 in Rosemont, IL.*

*Item 2: Approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 31. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.*

*Item 3: Approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Metropolitan Alliance of Police and Its Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Call Takers Chapter #336. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.*

Chairman Rivera stated that without objection, Legal Items 2 and 3 would be deferred until after consideration in Executive Session.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Legal Item 1**. Director Gomez made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director McConnaughay. 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) and (21) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), (8) and (21), to consider Tollway matters related to collective bargaining, safety and security procedures, and the minutes of closed meetings. Director Gomez made a motion, pursuant to the sections specified, to enter Executive Session, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

At approximately 10:10 a.m., the Board entered Executive Session.

*[Director Paddock departed the meeting just after the Board entered into Executive Session.]*



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

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At approximately 12:21 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 August 31, 2023.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 2**, the Executive Session minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held August 31, 2023. Director Gomez made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Legal Item 2: Approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 31. Cost to the Tollway: 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.

Legal Item 3: Approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Metropolitan Alliance of Police and Its Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Call Takers Chapter #336. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Legal Item 3**, 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.

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### Adjournment

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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 Sweeney. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.



**ILLINOIS STATE TOLL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY**

Minutes of the  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting Date  
**September 28**  
2023



The Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:22 p.m.

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

Christi Regnery  
Board Secretary  
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority