



**Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association  
Planning and Design Division  
Board of Directors  
June 2, 2021  
Meeting Minutes**

1. Chair Kevin Fitzpatrick called the virtual meeting to order at 8 am. Present: Eileen Chin, Rashod Johnson, Tricia Walsh, Beth McCluskey, Regine Jeune, Dan Tiltges, Rick Rivera, Dave Crosson, Pete Stukas, Joe Catalano, and Joe Hunn. Also present: John Kapovich and Mike Sturino.
2. Approval of Minutes. Moved by Joe Hunn, seconded by Joe Catalano to approve the Minutes of the March 31 Board meeting.
3. Chairman's Report. Chair Fitzpatrick noted that Omer Osman has been confirmed by the State Senate to serve as IDOT Secretary. He advised the P&D Board that the IRTBA Board has directed that Mike Sturino and John Kapovich have a meeting with Governor Pritzker to address concerns about the slow pace of work going out under the Rebuild Illinois Program. The P&D Board consensus was that it would be advisable to have P&D representation at that meeting, as well as including the next Chair of the IRTBA Board and of the P&D Board. Board members agree in general that contract approvals and awards are improving, although it remains slow for a number of IDOT District offices. Lack of staffing remains a critical issue at IDOT. District 1 and 2 are still struggling to process consultant work. The Board noted that SB 2469 would provide more clarity on overhead costs related to PPP loans, although the bill did not move before session ended. Finally, the Board was advised that IDOT is undertaking a new disparity study.

The Chair advised that the Illinois Tollway is conducting a disparity study to better inform its goal setting process. The group also discussed future work as the Tollway is preparing its 10 year program. The Board expressed concerns that no significant programs appear to be under consideration by the Tollway.

Mr. Sturino advised that Board as a follow up to its previous request that IRTBA will be meeting with CDOT through a cooperative meeting in July. The Board discussed the issue of lowering overhead rates to 1.0 and limiting prime

overhead to subs on city funded work. Procurement delays are also a continued source of frustration.

4. Lockbox Litigation Update. Mr. Sturino informed the Board that the Illinois Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case. He further noted that organized labor and the Illinois Chamber will likely file amicus briefs on behalf of industry's position in the matter pending before the Supreme Court.
5. P&D Annual Conference. Chair Fitzpatrick reminded the P&D Board that annual conference will be held at the Hyatt Lodge in Oak Brook on August 17. Conference Committee Chair Rashod Johnson will work with Tricia Walsh, Rick Rivera and Beth McCluskey to plan the programming for the event.
6. Design Build/ATC/CMGC Update. Tricia Walsh informed the Board that Senator Villivalam will likely hold subject matter hearings on the draft bill in late July. The IRTBA Design Build Committee will meet to address the language and provide feedback as warranted. Input from and industry interaction with IDOT and Tollway are necessary in order for alternative procurement methods are to succeed.
7. P&D Board Retreat. Chair Fitzpatrick requested that Board members share ideas with him for possible retreat locations.
8. For other business, Chair Fitzpatrick noted that contractors raised concerns that 3D modeling is moving forward with little input from the construction side of industry. Mr. Sturino noted that the IRTBA offices are open and the future IRTBA meetings will be held in person.
9. The next P&D Board meeting will be held on August 17 at 10 am at the Hyatt Lodge, prior to the P&D Conference. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.