



## Sustainability Council Board of Directors

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 @ 2:00PM

IRTBA Office – 500 Park Blvd, Suite 1250, Itasca, IL 60143

Meeting Minutes

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### 1. Attendance & Introductions

Present:

Beth Conley (Chair)	George Houston	Dan Garcarz (Tollway)	Avani Shah (IRTBA)
Rafael Chavez	Charlotte Ochoa	Steve Jones (IDOT)	Mike Sturino (IRTBA)
Supraja Reddy	John Gatses	Sarah Hunn (DuPage Co)	
Steve Worsfold		Sean Guzik (CDOT)	

Absent:

Dan Tiltges
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### 2. Approval of November 2025 meeting minutes

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> motion – George Houston
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion – Steve Worsfold

### 3. Nomination and Approval of 2027 Incoming Chair and Co-Chair

- a. Chair Beth Conley brought up that Steve Worsfold, currently Co-Chair will be stepping into the Chair position in 2027
- b. Chair Beth Conley asked who would be best suited for the 2027 Co-Chair position and Rafael Chavez with Granite Construction was nominated
- c. 1<sup>st</sup> motion for Rafael Chavez to be the 2027 Co-Chair was made by Steve Worsfold  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion for Rafael Chavez to be the 2027 Co-Chair was made by John Gatses  
Rafael Chavez was approved by all in attendance and named to be the 2027 Co-Chair

### 4. By- Laws & Terms

- a. George Houston asked if the by-laws & terms were sent out. Mike Sturino will amend the by-laws and this will be sent out with amendments.

### 5. 2026 Sustainability Council Annual Meeting

- a. The meeting is set for Thursday, April 16 at Gibson's Oak Brook from 4:30 – 7:30pm
- b. Sponsorships will be made by – Tensar, Granite Construction, Interra Engineering, STV and S.T.A.T.E
- c. A virtual dry run will be conducted as we get closer to April 16 and Avani Shah will send out a run of the show
- d. The run of the program was discussed as follows:
  - i. Registration and Networking – 4:00 – 5:00pm
  - ii. Presentations – 5:00 – 6:30pm
  - iii. Networking with Appetizers and Drinks – 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- e. The speakers were discussed as follows:
  - i. 2025 Sustainability Champion – Dr. Al-Qadi with the University of Illinois- Champaign – Charlotte Ochoa has reached out to invite him to speak

- ii. Chris Barnard – ACC – Mike Sturino reached out to invite him to speak or ask someone well versed within ACC to speak
- iii. Kelly Senger - IDOT – Steve Jones will reach out to ask if she will speak
- iv. Sean Guzik -CDOT
- v. Prianka Sharma – ARTBA – Mike Sturino reached out to her and she has made a note of it

6. New Business

- a. Future Sustainability Events were discussed
  - i. Tour of O’Hare Airport in the fall
  - ii. Tour of the Bascule Bridge in the spring
  - iii. Tour of the Slag Proofing Building at Ozinga
- b. Website Updates
  - i. Supraja Reddy brought up that the related resource links under the Sustainability website page are no longer there. Mike Sturino and Avani Shah will look into that
- c. Work Plan
  - i. Mike Sturino suggested to map out a work plan for the year
- d. Member Directory & Magazine
  - i. The board asked that they be mentioned in the member directory and the magazine

7. Upcoming Sustainability Council Board of Directors Meeting

- a. Tuesday, September 22 – 2:00pm – IRTBA Office

8. Meeting adjourned at 2:59pm