



Sustainability Council Board of Directors

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 @ 2PM

IRTBA Office

Meeting Minutes

1. Attendance & Introductions

Present:

Beth Conley	Supraja Reddy	Steve Jones (IDOT)	Avani Shah (IRTBA)
Steve Worsfold	Steve Worsfold	Sean Guzik (CDOT)	Mike Sturino (IRTBA)
Rafael Chavez		Dan Garcarz (Tollway)	

Absent:

Brian Mihelich	Craig Reynolds		
Josh Quinn	George Houston		
Ruth De Ni	Moryama De Silva		

2. Approval of February 18, 2025 meeting minutes

- a. 1st motion – Steve Worsfold, 2nd motion – Steven Jones

3. Board Member Terms & Replacements

- a. Discussion was had on board members who have not been attending meetings.
- b. Beth Conley mentioned she would speak with Mike Sturino to adjust the board terms
- c. John Gatses with Tensar has expressed an interest on joining the board.
- d. Beth Conley & Steve Worsfold discussed an amendment to the board terms and will discuss further with Mike Sturino

4. 2025 Annual Meeting Recap

- a. Survey Results were handed out to the board
- b. It was brought up the number of attendees had decreased from the year before
- c. Reasons could have been too many presentations & not enough interest in some of the topics
- d. Suggestions were made to have less presentations and more on projects that are being worked on by contractors and bringing in a highly sustainable member to speak on what they do

5. 2026 Annual Meeting – Early Planning

- a. The group has expressed an interest in keeping the meeting at Gibson's OakBrook
- b. Dates that were suggested are Thursday, April 16 or Thursday, April 30 (Avani will look into the dates with Gibson's)
- c. Speakers and presenters were discussed
 - i. Member Contractor
 - ii. Chris Barnard with ACC
 - iii. Ozinga
 - iv. IDOT LCTM
 - v. CDOT LCTM

6. 2025 Sustainability Champion Award
 - a. Nomination Form with a description of why said company should be the Sustainable Champion will go out in Friday Facts with a deadline of Oct 10
 - b. Award will be given at the IRTBA Annual Awards Ceremony on Dec 11
 - c. Companies that were discussed for the award are as follows:
 - i. 'D' Construction
 - ii. Walsh Construction
 - iii. Ogden Avenue Materials

7. American Conservation Coalition (ACC) Introduction- Chris Barnard
 - a. Mike Sturino brought Chris Barnard on virtually to speak on his group American Conservation Coalition in hopes to partner with the Sustainability Council
 - b. ACC thrives in helping businesses get projects that are sustainable. They do work in educating businesses in the efforts to be sustainable and provide members with webinars and seminars. They work within the energy space, public policy and are at many college campuses spreading the word of sustainability to the new generation coming into the work world.
 - c. IRTBA is willing to spread the word of their organization by putting in articles in the annual IRTBA magazine publication and weekly newsletter, Friday Facts

8. Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting Dates
 - a. Wednesday, Oct 15 at 9:00am – Virtual
 - b. Tuesday Nov 18 at 2:00pm – IRTBA Office

9. Meeting Adjourned at 3:42pm
 - a. 1st motion – Rafael Chavez, 2nd motion – Steve Worsfold