



Sustainability Council Board of Directors

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 @ 2:00PM

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

Meeting Minutes

1. Attendance & Introductions

Present:

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

Absent:

Sean Guzik (CDOT)

2. Approval of February 2026 meeting minutes

- a. 1st motion – Beth Conley
- b. 2nd motion – George Houston

3. New Business

- a. Lianna Miller with WAP Sustainability presented on the IDOT LCTM program. The goal is to integrate carbon into materials considerations in IDOT construction. It covers asphalt, concrete and steel.
 - i. The 1st phase is benchmarking: pay producers to create EPDs and build representative data set. The 2nd phase is a 2% incentive paid at the conclusion of a project if minimum GWP thresholds are met for the materials placed. This would apply to concrete, asphalt, steel, rebar. The incentive is given to the subs who hold the pay item.
 - ii. The timeline to benchmark would start in November 2026 and would like benchmarks ready before the 2027 construction season.
 - iii. Subclasses are being developed to avoid comparing unlike mixes and the regions are factored in. Targets are set by the population curve from the EPD data.
 - iv. Lianna asks that there is 1 representative from the IRTBA for the subcommittees, concrete and asphalt. Rafael Chavez to represent on the concrete subcommittee and Beth Conley to represent on the asphalt subcommittee. Tollway & CDOT should also represent.
- b. Future RBU webinar in regards to EPD primer
 - i. Cover costs, hours, process and which mix designs are priority; Steve will work with Mike Sturino on timing for this webinar
- c. Draft Friday Facts article on LCTM program
 - i. Charlotte Ochoa & Lianna Miller will work on this to be included in a future Friday Facts edition

4. 2026 Annual Meeting - Recap

- a. This year's Annual Meeting in April of 2026 was one of the best ones according to agency members who spoke to Mike Sturino. All presenters did a good job in clarifying what they were presenting on and most were able to keep the time allotted to them.

5. 2027 Sustainability Council Annual Meeting – Early Planning
 - a. The Annual Meeting will be at Gibson’s Oak Brook, Date & Time TBD
 - b. Board members are encouraged to reach out to potential speakers and brainstorm potential topics before the Oct 29 Board meeting.
 - i. Speaker from the IEPA is requested to present on the Illinois Comprehensive Climate Action Plan
 - ii. Beth Conley stated the Sustainability Champion recipient is highly encouraged to present at the Annual Meeting
6. 2026 Sustainability Champion – Annual Awards is December 10
 - a. A call for applications to submit for the Sustainability Champion will be in Friday Facts starting Friday, September 25.
 - b. The deadline for submissions will be Friday, October 16
 - c. The nominations review will be held virtually via Teams on Tuesday, October 20 at 2:00pm
 - d. Thereafter, Survey Monkey will be sent to the Board to elect the Sustainability Champion
7. Upcoming Sustainability Council Board of Directors Meeting
 - a. Thursday, October 29 – 3:00pm – Harry Caray’s Italian Steakhouse – Lombard, IL
8. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm