

Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority  
Minutes of March 24, 2025, Board Meeting  
1104 E. Twiggs Street  
Tampa, FL 33602

The Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority held a public meeting at 1:30 p.m. on March 24, 2025, at THEA Headquarters, 1104 E. Twiggs Street in Tampa, Florida. The following were present:

**BOARD:**

Vince Cassidy, Chairman  
John Weatherford, Secretary  
David Gwynn, District 7 Secretary, FDOT  
Mayor Jane Castor, City of Tampa, Member  
Commissioner Donna Cameron Cepeda, Member

**STAFF:**

Greg Slater	Gary Holland
Amy Lettelleir	Frederick Pekala
Raul Rosario	Julie Aure
Bob Frey	Anna Quinones
Brian McElroy	Judith Villegas
Pedro Leon	Toni Nhlapo
Charlene Varian	Sandra Cowan
Chaketa Mister	Lisa Pessina

**OTHERS:**

Justin Hall, FDOT D-7 Secretary (incoming)	Christina Matthews, WSP
Josue Mazariegos, Infotect	Scarlett Sharpe, WSP
Jim Drapp, HNTB	Len Becker, HNTB
Maddi Baptiste, Playbook	Matt Betancourt, RS&H
Sally Dee, Playbook	Rick Patterson, Raymond James
Sarah Lesch, Playbook	Ivon Rodriguez, Quest
Steve Ferrell, HDR	David Franklin, Quest
Rachel Ebner, American StructurePoint	Joey Roselli, American StructurePoint
Nathan Silva, RS&H	Ryan Eppler, American StructurePoint
Alex Bourne, RS&H	James VanSteenburg, HDR
John Generalli, Wells Fargo	

**I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Cassidy called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Public Input/Public Presentations**

There was no public input.

**III. Consent Agenda**

**1. Approval of Minutes of the February 24, 2025, Board Meeting**

*Chairman Cassidy requested a motion to approve the consent items. Mr. Weatherford moved approval of the consent items, seconded by Secretary Gwynn. The motion passed unanimously.*

**IV. Discussion/Action Items**

**A. Operations & Engineering – Bennett Barrow – Committee Chair – *Brian McElroy, Operations Project Manager***

**1. South Selmon Capacity Project Support through Procurement – Consor Engineering**

Mr. McElroy presented a task order request with Consor Engineering to obtain environmental and drainage design permits and respond to requests for information regarding concept plan designs during procurement of the South Selmon Capacity Project.

The requested action is for the Board to authorize the Executive Director to execute a task order with Consor Engineering in the amount of \$113,946 from the capital budget to obtain the South Selmon Capacity Project permits and respond to requests for information during procurement.

*Chairman Cassidy requested a motion to approve. Mr. Weatherford moved approval of the consent items, seconded by Secretary Gwynn.*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

**2. Segmental Bridges Asset Monitoring Equipment – Burgess & Niple**

Mr. McElroy presented an item to utilize the services of Burgess & Niple, Inc. to install structural monitoring devices on some of THEA's segmental bridges.

The requested action is for the Board to authorize the Executive Director to execute a task order with Burgess & Niple in the amount of \$379,870 from the

capital budget to install monitoring devices on THEA segmental structures and provide ongoing monitoring, maintenance, and reporting.

*Chairman Cassidy requested a motion to approve. Mr. Weatherford moved approval of the consent items, seconded by Secretary Gwynn.*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

**3. Howard Avenue/Watrous Avenue Bridge Deck Evaluation – Design Services – HNTB**

Finally, Mr. McElroy presented a task order request for THEA's GEC to provide project management, evaluation, and coordination support for the evaluation of the eastbound and westbound bridge decks over Howard Avenue/Watrous Avenue.

The requested action is for the Board to authorize the Executive Director to execute a task order with HNTB for \$159,951 from the capital budget to support the evaluation of the eastbound and westbound bridge decks over Howard Avenue/Watrous Avenue.

*Chairman Cassidy requested a motion to approve the consent items. Mr. Weatherford moved approval of the consent items, seconded by Secretary Gwynn.*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

**B. Information Technology and Security – Bennett Barrow, Committee Chair – Pedro Leon, IT Manager**

**1. Access Control System (ACCS) Maintenance and Support – Task Order – Kapsch TrafficCom USA**

Mr. Leon presented a task order request for Kapsch TrafficCom USE to monitor and provide service for the DYNAC software access control system, which controls the lane reversal on the REL.

The requested action is for the Board to authorize the Executive Director to sign a task order with Kapsch TrafficCom USA to continue to monitor and provide service for the DYNAC software ACCS for the REL in the amount of \$65,550.

*Chairman Cassidy requested a motion to approve the consent items. Mr. Weatherford moved approval of the consent items, seconded by Secretary Gwynn.*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

**C. Legal – Amy Lettelleir, Chief Legal Officer**

**1. Osceola County Tax Collector Interlocal Agreement**

Ms. Lettelleir presented an Interlocal Agreement with the Osceola County Tax Collector that will allow THEA customers to pay tolls to the Osceola County Tax

Collector's office for the release of registration holds and to provide the procedures for remittance and reporting between the parties.

The requested action is for the Board to authorize THEA's Chairman to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Osceola County Tax Collector's Office.

***Chairman Cassidy requested a motion to approve. Mr. Weatherford moved approval of the consent items, seconded by Secretary Gwynn.***

***The motion passed unanimously.***

## **V. Executive Reports**

### **A. Executive Director – *Greg Slater, Executive Director***

#### **1. Contract Renewals and Expirations**

Mr. Slater reported that THEA has one contract renewal - the first one-year renewal with AECOM for Miscellaneous Toll Operations Support Services, and the contract with CAB Professional Consulting for MRP Services is expiring.

#### **2. Director's Report**

Mr. Slater updated the board on the following:

- Meridian Avenue closure – The installation of the new water line is complete. There is 1 northbound lane currently closed, and it will remain closed for the next few days until inspections and testing are complete.
- The straddle bents sealing project is on track and the estimated project completion is in April.
- FDOT is performing concrete repairs on the Selmon/I-75 on-ramps, and they are about halfway complete. There is also ongoing work on our northbound I-75 ramp which does not require closure, and the work should be complete in early June.
- The generator contractor is scheduled to wrap up the project this week, including all testing and removal of the old generator.
- Toll transactions for Friday, March 7, totaled 278,776, surpassing the previous record of 277,193, which was set on Friday, October 4. There were no major events on March 7 – just volume.

Finally, Mr. Slater reported that Tim Garrett is in Dallas representing THEA on a panel for managing infrastructure for emergencies like hurricanes. He added that THEA is already preparing for the 2025 hurricane season.

### **B. Chief Legal Officer – *Amy Lettelleir, Esquire***

No report.

C. Chairman – *Vince Cassidy*

1. Upcoming Meetings

- Board Workshop – April 14, 2025 - *Cancelled*
- Board Meeting – April 28, 2025
- Budget Workshop – May 5, 2025
- Board Meeting – May 19, 2025

**VI. Old Business**

Chairman Cassidy briefly mentioned a conference he and Mr. Slater attended on Road Safety and noted that Mr. Slater will provide more information during the April Board meeting.

**VII. New Business**

Chairman Cassidy thanked retiring FDOT District Secretary David Gwynn for his service to THEA and the community.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

APPROVED:  ATTEST   
Chairman: Vince Cassidy Vice-Chairman Bennett Barrow

DATED THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2025.