

Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority
Minutes of the March 23, 2026, 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 23, 2026, at THEA Headquarters, 1104 E. Twiggs Street in Tampa Florida. The following were present:

BOARD:

Vincent Cassidy, Chairman
Bennett Barrow, Vice Chairman
Cody Powell, Secretary
L.K. Nandam, Member
Commissioner Chris Boles, Member
Mayor Jane Castor, Member

STAFF:

Greg Slater	Brian McElroy
Amy Lettelleir	Judith Villegas
Jeff Seward	Chaketa Mister
Greg Deese	Toni Atkinson
Raul Rosario	Frederick Pekala
Shari Callahan	Anna Quinones
Bob Frey	Emma Antolinez
Julie Aure	Brian Ramirez
Gary Holland	Krishna Rentala

OTHERS:

Sharlene Lairscey, Quest	Anna Mukherjee, EXP
Lori Buck, Quest	Steve Ferrell, HDR
Scarlett Sharpe, WSP	Jason Dahlvik, Lochner
Michael Garau, Kimley-Horn	Sally Dee, Playbook
Kim DeBosier, WGI	Sarah Lesch, Playbook
Dylan Albergo, TLP	Maddi Baptiste, Playbook
Brian Kirkpatrick, RSH	Len Becker, HNTB

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Public Input/Public Presentations**
- III. Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the Minutes of the February 23, 2026, Board Meeting

Chairman Cassidy requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Powell moved approval, seconded by Mr. Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Discussion/Action Items

A. Operations and Engineering – Greg Deese, P.E., Director

1. South Selmon Capacity Project - ASAP Round 3 Study Phase

Mr. Deese presented a funding request for the Accelerated Scope Augmentation Phase (ASAP) Round 3 Study Phase, which will allow THEA to determine the viability and cost of potential scope additions and modifications from proposals and for collaborative enhancements.

The request is for the Board to authorize the Executive Director to execute a task order with Archer Western for Round 3 ASAP Study Phase items in an amount not to exceed \$401,903.

Chairman Cassidy requested a motion. Mr. Powell moved approval, seconded by Mr. Nandam. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Staff Reports

A. Budget and Finance – Jeff Seward, Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Seward presented the second quarter budget update as follows.

Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority (THEA)
 Adopted Operating and Capital Budget
 Fiscal Year 2026
 (July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025)

	FY2026 Adopted Budget	FY2026 YTD 2 nd Quarter 12/31/25	FY2026 2 nd Quarter Projected	% Expended
Fiscal Year Revenue and Operating Expenditure Summary				
Revenue				
Toll Revenues	\$137,900,000	\$79,955,241	\$66,508,000	57.98%
Other Revenues	930,218	930,218	465,109	100%
Investment/Interest Income	15,000,000	8,253,225	7,500,000	55.02%
Total Fiscal Year Revenues	\$153,830,218	\$89,138,684	\$74,473,109	57.95%
Expenditure				
Toll Operations	\$10,902,751	\$7,071,548	\$5,451,376	64.86%
Maintenance	8,608,659	5,262,416	4,304,330	61.13%
Communications	691,500	319,395	345,750	46.19%
General Counsel/HR/Procurement	220,000	122,665	110,000	55.76%
Planning and Innovation	1,060,509	594,917	530,255	56.10%
Administration – Personnel	6,751,203	3,239,721	2,596,617	47.99%
Administration – Prof. Services	2,034,550	1,768,894	1,017,275	86.94%
Administration – General	577,463	349,761	288,732	60.57%
Information Technology	1,593,423	538,858	796,712	33.82%
Total Fiscal Year Expenditures	\$32,440,058	\$19,268,175	\$15,441,044	59.40%
Total Debt Service	\$48,447,635	\$37,958,018	\$37,958,018	78.35%
Fiscal Year Capital Expenditures	\$142,187,685	\$41,940,363*	-----	29.50%

*\$36,198,462 is attributed to the South Selmon Capacity (SSC) Project

Chairman Cassidy requested future information be presented in full quarters.

B. Toll Technology and Customer Experience – *Gary Holland, Toll Systems Manager*

Mr. Holland presented the monthly transactions for February, which were down by about 20,000.

He reported the average weekly transactions year-to-year for February are up .5% on the West Mainline, 1.9% on the West Extension, and overall transactions are down by .6%, and toll transactions by type remain at 66% prepaid and 34% postpaid.

Before moving on to the next item, Mr. Slater announced that Mr. Holland is retiring at the end of March and he thanked him for his service.

C. Communications and Community Engagement – *Keisha Pickett Boyd, Director*

Ms. Boyd presented an update on Communications and Community Engagement.

This month the Tampa Bay Times featured an Op-ed by Mr. Slater – *The Tampa Bay region is at a pivotal moment.*

THEA's South Selmon Capacity Project presentation to Tampa City Council was picked up by several news outlets, as was the recent memorial celebration remembering Deputy John Kotfila.

In the Community, THEA had speaking engagements at several events, including the Ybor Rotary, Society for Marketing Professional Services, FTBA, TEAMFL, and Leadership Tampa Bay Power of Access. Mr. Slater also held a Lunch and Learn at THEA headquarters with the Tampa Downtown Partnership.

Ms. Boyd also reported on publicity metrics and social medial from January 1 – March 11, noting an audience of nearly 293M and an earned media value of ~\$3M.

VI. Executive Reports

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

1. Contract Renewals, Expirations and Extensions – there were no renewals, expirations, or extensions to report.

2. Director's Report - Mr. Slater reported the following:

- This month THEA recognized the 10th anniversary of Deputy Kotfila's death, which resulted from a wrong way driver on the expressway. The family installed a memorial bench at the park, and the event was well attended. Thank you to the board for the support as we continue to honor Deputy Kotfila's sacrifice.
- He provided an update on the toll system investments: the back office was awarded to Neology; the selection process for the Roadside Toll infrastructure is underway; and over the next month or so the final piece - an independent audit system – will come to the Board for approval.

- The SSC project is well underway – initial activities are becoming visible, soon you will begin to see vegetation and tree clearing, mobilization is already underway and we expect to see actual construction activity in April. People with leases have been notified and we are working with some of them on alternative parking options, we have started to notify the few encroachments that are a concern.” AND “ as of last week have obtained the Army Corps permit and the SWFMD permit. The coast guard permit is still outstanding but anticipated.
- Last week he and the finance team attended the JP Morgan Public Finance forum in New York. It was an opportunity to engage with the bond market in anticipation of a bond issuance planned in 2027 or 2028.
- THEA submitted a BUILD Grant application with USDOT. He noted that he has briefed the USDOT on THEA and the project, and both Senator Moody and Congresswoman Casteor sent in letters of support.
- On March 16, the Tampa Bay Times published the Op-Ed he wrote on the importance of the regional accelerator in delivering big transportation infrastructure, and it has been well received.
- On Friday March 13, we set another transaction record on the expressway with 280,858 transactions. No major events that day, just volume.

B. Chief Legal Officer – Amy Lettelleir, Esq.

No report.

C. Chairman – Vincent Cassidy

1. Upcoming Meetings

- Board Workshop – April 13, 2026, *Cancelled*
- Board Meeting – April 27, 2026

VII. Old Business – No old business.

VIII. New Business - No old business.

IX. Adjournment - With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:45.

APPROVED:


 Chairman: Vincent J. Cassidy

ATTEST:


 Vice Chairman: Bennett Barrow

DATED THIS 18TH DAY OF MAY 2026.