



## **Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO)<sup>1</sup> Board of Directors Minutes**

**Held: Thursday, November 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**

The CTIO meeting was broadcast on YouTube Live. A recording of the meeting can be found [here](#). The recording will be available for six months on YouTube after the meeting has been held. After that time, it will be archived.

The regular meeting of the CTIO Board of Directors was convened in accordance with applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following Directors present:

- Cecil Gutierrez, Chair (in-person)
- Nellie Moran, Vice-Chair (in-person)
- Shelly Cook (in-person)
- Gina Sacripanti (remote)
- Terry Hart (in-person)

### **Roll Call Regular Meeting**

All board members were present. The meeting began at 9:01 a.m.

### **Executive Session (Closed To The Public):**

CTIO Chair Gutierrez proposed a motion to convene the CTIO Board in an executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice related to the CTIO Board's specific legal questions regarding the use of CTIO's User Fees. Upon a motion by Director Hart and seconded by Director Sacripanti, the CTIO Board entered the Executive Session at 9:06 am. Members of the public were excused.

The CTIO Board of Directors exited the Executive Session at 10:09 a.m.

Chair Gutierrez stated that the CTIO Board's goal is to expand multimodal transportation options as part of an integrated statewide transportation system. Chair Gutierrez directed CTIO staff to work with CDOT staff and the Attorney General's office to identify ways that CTIO can use its resources to accomplish that goal.

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<sup>1</sup> The High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) is now doing business as the Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO). CTIO is how the enterprise will refer to itself now and in the future, however, the HPTE name is retained for legislative and legal documents. public

## Public Comment

The CTIO Board received public comments from the following individuals:

- Emily Bear (North Area Transportation Alliance)
  - Topic: I-25 North Projects
- Matt Frommer (Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEET))
  - Topic: CTIO and CDOT transportation priorities and funding
- Alana Miller (Natural Resources Defense Council)
  - Topic: Transportation choices related to the CDOT 10-year plan
- Alexandra Schluntz (GreenLatinos)
  - Topic: I-270 project and CTIO/CDOT transportation priorities related to multimodal projects and greenhouse gas reduction

Written public comment was also provided by GreenLatinos and Conservation Colorado.

## Comments from Directors

Board members reiterated their appreciation for members of the public who joined to provide public comment.

## Director's Report

CTIO Director Darlington provided the Director's Report, which included information on the following:

- Participation in the recent North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting to discuss the upcoming tolling commencement on Express Lanes from Berthoud to Fort Collins.
- Posting of a new position at CTIO - Deputy Director, Multimodal Finance & Policy Manager.
- Winter Park Express update on the start date, schedule, and pricing.
- Burnham Yard update.

### Discussion

CTIO Board members and staff discussed the following:

- RTD and other stakeholders' participation in the City-led Burnham Yard discussions.
- Winter Park Express rates and communications/outreach associated with promoting the service.
- The board also expressed its desire for the outreach to better reflect CTIO's role in supporting a reduction in the ticket prices.
- CTIO future staffing plans, including how CTIO is coordinating with Division of Transit and Rail to ensure future rail projects have the necessary support..
- I-270 and I-25 future presentations to the CTIO Board.

## Construction/Operations/Maintenance Questions from board members

There were no comments or questions from the CTIO Board.

## Consent Agenda

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Director Hart and seconded by Director Cook, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #480, October 16th Minutes, and Resolution #481, CTIO 2026 Calendar, were unanimously approved.

**Discussion**

- The CTIO Board discussed the timing of quarterly mini retreats in 2026 and confirmed that extending existing meetings was preferred.

## **Fiscal Year 2026-27 Proposed Annual Budget Allocation Plan Approval**

CTIO Director Piper Darlington provided an overview of the proposed draft budget allocation plan for fiscal year 2026-27.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Moran and seconded by Director Hart, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #482, Fiscal Year 2026-27 Proposed Annual Budget Allocation Plan, was unanimously approved.

## **I-25 North Toll Rate Approval**

Nathaniel Benton, CTIO Toll Systems Specialist, provided an overview of the toll rates on I-25 North from Berthoud to Fort Collins, introduced to the board in September.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Director Hart and seconded by Director Sacripanti, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #483, I-25 North Toll Rate Approval, was unanimously approved.

**Discussion**

- The CTIO Board and staff discussed why it is more expensive for users to pay the license plate fee rate and what steps CTIO, CDOT, and ExpressToll take to help users transition to an account to save money.

## **Tolling Services Agreement (TSA) Eighth Amendment Update**

Jason McEldowney, CTIO Technical Program Manager, presented to the board on the CTIO Commercial Back-Office System (CBOS) Program and the associated TSA Eighth Amendment. It included information on the following:

- CBOS overview and goals
- Mutual goals of the wind-down plan with E-470
- TSA wind down development
- Recommended solution

**Discussion**

- CTIO Board members and staff discussed the CBOS system, its future transition from E-470, and the use of a shadow system to test the transition.

## **Open Records Law Training**

Carla Martin, Assistant Attorney General, presented on annual best practices for open records and meetings.

C.R.S. Section 24-3.7-102 requires annual training in several areas, including:

- Statutory Powers and Duties
- Identifying and managing conflicts of interest
- Understanding the requirements of the Colorado Open Records Act and open meetings laws

The presentation focused on the following:

- CTIO Statutory Purposes
- Statutory powers
- Board responsibilities
- Conflicts of interest
- CTIO Bylaws
- Amendment 41
- Colorado Open Records Act overview
- Open meetings law and executive sessions

## **Adjournment**

The CTIO Board adjourned at 11:20 a.m.