

September 11, 2024. Chicago Transit Board Regular Meeting Minutes.

Noticed for 10:00 a.m. Commenced at 10:03 a.m.

AGENDA: The posted agenda for the meeting is available at www.transitchicago.com, "Chicago Transit Board", "Meeting Notices, Agendas, and Minutes", (09/11/2024) (Regular Board Meeting), "Agenda".

There was a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL: Directors: Lester L. Barclay (Chairman), Rosa Ortiz, Roberto Requejo, Bernard Jakes, and Michael Eaddy. Director Neema Jha and Director Michele Lee were absent.

There was a quorum with 5 members present.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Chairman Barclay requested a moment to address the recent tragic events that occurred the week prior when four CTA riders were murdered in a horrific shooting while aboard one of our trains in Forest Park on Labor Day. Additionally, one of our CTA employees was shot and injured in a separate incident that occurred outside of the Howard Street Station.

"These incidents are deeply disturbing, and our hearts go out to the victims of these tragic events as well as to our employees that are experiencing trauma as a result of the incidents." He also acknowledged the significance of September 11th and recounted the deep meaning that said day holds for our nation and for people across the world as we remember the thousands of lives lost, the families forever changed and the courage of first responders who stepped up in the face of unimaginable tragedy.

He asked for a moment of silence in remembrance.

MINUTES: Chairman Barclay asked for a motion to approve the regular Board meeting minutes from August 14, 2024. After being moved by Director Requejo and seconded by Director Eaddy, the minutes were approved with five (5) votes by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairman Barclay advanced the agenda to Public Comments.

Secretary Greenlee advised that the Board Office had received four (4) requests for public comments:

- George Blakemore
- Carole Sheridan
- Patricia Puentes
- Antoine Members

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Carter began his remarks with a discussion of the two incidents that occurred over the prior ten (10) days, namely the loss of four (4) individuals who tragically lost their lives on Labor Day while aboard a Blue Line train to Forest Park. They lost their lives in an unspeakable act of senseless gun violence. The disturbing incident has troubled the entire CTA agency. We believe in the sanctity of life.

He reported that the day after the Labor Day shootings a CTA employee was shot outside of our Howard Street facility. President Carter reported that he visited the employee in the hospital and that he is recovering from his gunshot wound.

He acknowledged and thanked every employee who worked tirelessly in a variety of ways to assist the police investigation and helped to quickly bring the Blue Line shooter to justice. He reported that law enforcement believes that the shootings were random acts of violence.

President Carter reiterated that the safety of our employees and customers is always of paramount concern. He reviewed the working relationship between CTA and the Chicago Police Department. He also reviewed the lengths that the CTA has gone to install security cameras and to take additional security measures.

He pointed out that the issues we are experiencing on public transit reflect a very large and complex issue in the communities that the CTA serves. He called for a broader conversation about what the community is doing as a community to address issues related to crime, drug use, supporting the unhoused who are struggling with addiction and mental health and guns.

- Democratic National Convention: President Carter advised that the Democratic National Convention ended on August 22nd and by a very objective standard it was lauded as a tremendous success. He was happy to report that the CTA did a tremendous job of supporting the DNC as well as the travel needs. The agency also maintained great service while accommodating a huge influx of visitors. He was very proud of our dedicated family of CTA employees. They did a tremendous job!
- CTA Transit Jamboree: Last Saturday CTA's Skokie facility hosted our CTA Transit Jamboree. It was truly an extraordinary event! The main draws for this event are a rail rodeo and a bus rodeo competition which featured events that challenged the skills and abilities of the CTA's best

employees.

More than 150 employees competed in areas including bus operations, rail operations, bus maintenance, rail maintenance, rail customer service, cleanliness of power signals and track service. The CTA staff came ready to COMPETE. The demonstration of their high levels of expertise not only impressed onlookers but left no doubt why the CTA is still among the best in the industry.

Due to the COVID -19 pandemic, this was the first Jamboree that the agency has held since 2019. Since that period the CTA has hired more than 4,000 new employees. This means that 40% of our workforce has never had the opportunity to experience a Jamboree until this past weekend. More than 2,700 employees came out to support their competing coworkers and to enjoy food, music, games and more. It was a very good time!

The Jamboree also had a dunk tank which raised \$2,800.00 (Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents and no/100) which will be used to support CTA's Holiday Train. Everyone of our staff and our chiefs who sat in the dunk tank left drenched, but it was for a very good cause.

- REPORT from ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY VEHICLE AND MOBILITY SYSTEMS DIVISION:
President Carter introduced a second report that focuses on transit expansion and how transit investment can and will impact the Chicago region in the future. He introduced Molly Poppe, CTA's Chief Planning, and Innovation Officer to introduce the representative from Argonne to make the presentation.

Molly Poppe introduced Amyeric Rousseau from Argonne and stated that Argonne has conducted a study to look at what happens when we invest in transit? What does it mean to actually sustainably and equitably fund transit to drive a mobility outcome that we all want to

see in the Chicago area and the region?

- The full Power Point presentation is available at www.transitchicago.com , “Chicago Transit Board”, “See More”, (09/11/2024) (Regular Board Meeting), “Presentations Made to the Board”.
- Following the President’s Report there were questions and there was discussion. The Board members had many questions about safety measures adopted by the CTA and made comments on safety and the CTA.
- Director Requejo thanked Molly and the team for bringing “joyful scenarios” to the table. He noted that the conversation about transit in the public square has been dominated by doom and gloom and that does not get people or legislators excited. For future messaging he encouraged the use of messages that will get legislators excited and for the agency to bring storytellers to the table.
- There were more comments made by other members of the board and discussion. Director Ortiz noted that through other reports the data that is shown is really important and it is great to show it by race and ethnicity. She requested to see more data regarding the impact of bus service on the Latino community who have benefitted greatly from transit services, particularly bus services.
- The full transcript from the meeting is available at www.transitchicago.com , “Chicago Transit Board”, “See More”, (09/11/2024) (Regular Board Meeting), “Presentations Made to the Board”.

Chairman Barclay complimented President Carter and the entire CTA team. He noted that he continues to be impressed with the agency’s professionalism and tenacity and that it was through the CTA system that we were able to assist the police in apprehending the person who committed the crime on Labor Day.

He also complimented the employees for the very hard job that they do noting that it is

difficult to work with the public.

Regarding the issue of safety, Chairman Barclay wondered whether service 24 hours a day 7 days a week was necessary? He requested that in 60-90 days the agency come back to the board and report on when the majority of crimes are taking place on the system.

He also complimented the agency on the Transit Jamboree and stated that it showed the CTA in the most favorable light where employees compete against each other and take pride in what they do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CTA's General Counsel Kent Ray explained that there would be an Executive Session pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Article 2C, Sections 1, 2, 8, 11 and 21. Director Requejo moved that the Board go into Executive Session and Director Eaddy seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. The Board went into Executive Session at 11:18 a.m.

At approximately 11:42 a.m. the Board came out of the Executive Session.

Chairman Barclay requested a motion to return to open session, which was moved by Director Requejo and seconded by Director Eaddy. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES APPROVAL: It was moved by Director Requejo and seconded by Director Eaddy that the Board approve the close session minutes from August 14, 2024. The motion passed with five votes in the affirmative.

Michael Paige vs. CTA and Donyell Robinson, Case No. 2021 L 001357: Chairman Barclay requested a motion to approve a settlement in the matter of Michael Paige vs. CTA and Donyell Robinson in the amount of \$3,625,000.00 (Three Million Six Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents and no/100).

Director Requejo moved that the Board approve the settlement and Director Eaddy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

General Counsel Ray also advised that the Board was deferring agenda item 6C to the CTA's Transit Board's October 2024 meeting.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS:

General Counsel Kent Ray advised that regarding agenda item 6D the Board reviewed an ordinance authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement containing the terms of the tentative agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 134 for controllers.

Director Requejo moved that the Board adopt the ordinance adopting the collective bargaining agreement containing the terms of a tentative agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 134 controllers and Director Eaddy seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

General Counsel Kent Ray advised that regarding agenda item 6E the Board reviewed an ordinance authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement containing the terms of a tentative agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 134 representing the rail janitor coordinators. Chairman Barclay requested a motion to adopt the collective bargaining agreement. Director Requejo moved for adoption and the motion was seconded by Director Eaddy. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

General Counsel Kent Ray advised that regarding agenda item 6F the Board reviewed an ordinance authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement containing the terms of a tentative agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 134 representing the roadmasters. Chairman Barclay requested a motion to adopt the collective bargaining agreement. Director Requejo moved for adoption and the motion was seconded by Director Eaddy. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

General Counsel Kent Ray advised that regarding agenda item 6G the Board reviewed an ordinance authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement containing the terms of a tentative agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 134 representing the yardmasters. Chairman Barclay requested a motion to adopt the collective bargaining agreement. Director Requejo moved for adoption and the motion was seconded by Director Eaddy. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

BOARD MATTERS: Chairman Barclay asked whether there were any Board Matters? Secretary Greenlee responded that there were no Board Matters items on the agenda. She did note that the Citizens Advisory Board report was on the agenda and that neither the chairperson or the vice-chairperson was able to appear at the meeting and requested that they be allowed to present at the October CTA Board Meeting.

COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND SERVICE DELIVERY: Committee Chairperson Rosa Ortiz gave the report for the Committee on Strategic Planning and Service Delivery. The committee met earlier in the morning and approved the December 13, 2023, committee minutes.

The committee entertained one (1) report: A presentation on an initiative entitled “Bus Vision Project Framing Report” by Molly Poppe our CTA Chief Innovation and Planning Officer with Jarrett Walker and Cara Bader.

Following the presentation there were questions and discussion from members of the committee. That concluded the report of Director Rosa Ortiz.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, AUDIT AND BUDGET: The Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee report was presented by Director Bernard Jakes. The committee reviewed the monthly finance report and approved the August 14, 2024, FAB committee meeting minutes. Director Jakes stated that all Committee agenda items, listed on the Board agenda, were presented, reviewed, discussed, and recommended by the Committee, for Board approval. Director Jakes stated that all the approved committee items, 1 ordinance and 9 contracts, were placed on the omnibus for approval by the Board. Director Jakes concluded the Finance, Audit and Budget Committee report.

Director Requejo moved that the omnibus be approved, and the motion was seconded by Director Eaddy. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

All approved September 11, 2024, Board ordinances are available online, at www.transitchicago.com, “Chicago Transit Board”, “Board Ordinances”, Ordinance numbers 024-113 – 024-124.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT: The monthly Construction Report was presented by Bill Mooney, CTA’s Chief of Infrastructure and the DBE/MWBE/SBE report was presented by JuanPablo Prieto, CTA’s Director of Diversity Programs.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT: The Construction Report was presented and can be found at: <https://www.transitchicago.com/board/presentations/>

Following both presentations there were questions from the CTA Board members. Director Requejo pointed out that a lot of the agency’s new stations are attracting development and one (the Damen station) has an equitable transit orientated development business next door. He inquired what it would look like to have a Transit Orientated Development or an Equitable Transit Orientated Development plan to present as a part of the funding requests to Springfield. He noted that the CTA, unlike other transit authorities does not have an office that is staffed to manage transit orientated development efforts and he inquired how the CTA will be building said capacity?

President Carter responded that ideally, he would like for the agency to have more authority to do more transit orientated development. In lieu of that the agency will continue to have our planning department work in close coordination with infrastructure. He offered that he thought that our future Transit Orientated Development growth will not necessarily be around our expansion

projects but around our existing infrastructure. He said that he was willing to have a conversation with the leadership team at the CTA about putting that into the budget for the going forward.

Director Requejo replied that in his opinion we have a rare opportunity given that there is legislation being introduced in Chicago that clearly calls for the creation of transit orientated development infrastructure. He hopes that given CTA's leadership role in the region, the agency can stay ahead of the curve on this issue and be the leader.

Chairman Lester Barclay stated that some of the legislators in Springfield have indicated that they would look favorably on a bill that would expand the legislative authority to allow for transit orientated development activities with the CTA. It is something that the agency needs to have our government affairs team work on such that legislation to that end may be moved into the pipeline.

Director Ortiz expressed thanks for the background on equitable transit orientated development. Referencing the slides of the Western Brown Line station, she noted that there are a lot of white walls and suggested that there are some great, fiscally responsible ways of creating a more dynamic space.

Bill Mooney addresses ideas regarding the possible uses for the external walls and advised that within the station there is a historic relic from the Berlin Wall which is a magnate piece. There was discussion. There will be a follow-up meeting in late September, early October with the community the Chicago Department of Transportation, the alderman's office and the Chicago Film Archives regarding the future use of the space.

Director Eaddy inquired about the 119 unique DBE firms and what was the criteria for firms to be added to the list. In response JuanPablo Prieto provided information regarding the outreach strategies that were implemented to help prospective MBE and WBE bidders become DBE certified and could submit competitive bids.

Director Eaddy proposed convening informational sessions for other community coalitions and JuanPablo Prieto stated that the CTA would be happy to make presentations.

NEW BUSINESS: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chairperson Barclay asked for a motion to adjourn the September 11, 2024, Chicago Transit Board meeting. After being moved by Director Requejo and seconded by Director Eaddy, the motion was approved with six (6) yes votes and the meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

APPROVED: _____


Secretary of the CTA Board of Directors

Date: _____

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