

1 CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD

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3 IN RE THE MATTER:)
4 REGULAR MEETING)
5 OF APRIL 20, 2022)
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8 Report of proceedings at the meeting of
9 the above-entitled cause, before Tabitha Watson, an
10 Illinois Shorthand Reporter, on the 20th day of
11 April, 2022, at the hour of 10:13 a.m., via
12 videoconference.

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1 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

2 LESTER BARCLAY, Chairperson

3 BERNARD JAKES, Vice Chairperson

4 KEVIN IRVINE

5 BERNARD JAKES

6 JOHNNY MILLER

7 ROSA ORTIZ

8 ALEJANDRO SILVA

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11 STAFF PRESENT:

12 DORVAL R. CARTER, JR., President

13 GREGORY LONGHINI, Secretary

14 BRAD JANSEN, General Counsel

15 CHRIS BUSHELL

16 BILL MOONEY

17 BRITTNEY JOHNSON



1 (whereupon, the following
2 proceedings were had via
3 videoconference.)

4 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Good morning. This is
5 Greg Longhini again. We are about to start the
6 regular scheduled meeting of the Chicago Transit
7 Board.

8 Chairman Silva -- I'm sorry, Chairman
9 Barclay.

10 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Good morning. I would
11 like to call to order the regularly scheduled
12 meeting of the Chicago Transit Board for
13 April 20th, 2022.

14 Would the secretary call the roll, please.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes.

16 Director Miller.

17 DIRECTOR MILLER: Here.

18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.

19 DIRECTOR SILVA: Here.

20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.

21 DIRECTOR JAKES: Here.

22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.

23 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Here.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.



1 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Here.

2 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.

3 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Here.

4 SECRETARY LONGHINI: We have a quorum with all
5 six members of the Board present, sir.

6 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our first order of
7 business this morning is public comment, Greg.

8 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes. We have one public
9 comment speaker, Olivia Gayhan (phonetic).

10 Ms. Gayhan, can you address the Board,
11 please?

12 THE HOST: Ms. Gayhan, you're muted. Can you
13 press star six to unmute?

14 OLIVIA GAYHAN: Good morning, Board. My name
15 is Olivia Gayhan and I'm a resident of Avondale. I
16 live really close to the Blue Line and, like many
17 CTA riders, have been feeling the effects of the
18 ongoing delays, especially over the last three
19 months as I've been returning back to work and so I
20 love the CTA, I love public transit, so I've done a
21 lot of research on, like, what's happening and I
22 was trying to find answers of why there is this
23 persistent delay and I saw some really great news.
24 I saw the new union agreements, I've seen a couple



1 trading trains out on the tracks, but I was curious
2 what the Board is doing, how you all are thinking
3 about getting the train schedules back on its
4 standard, especially now that folks are being asked
5 to come into the office.

6 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, Ms. Gayhan,
7 for your comments and your question. I think that
8 those pose, you know, questions that deserve a
9 response and so I'm going to ask President Carter
10 to direct the appropriate staff to respond directly
11 to the concerns that you have raised and hopefully
12 you will get a satisfactory response.

13 OLIVIA GAYHAN: Thank you.

14 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Chairman Barclay, if I may.
15 I just want to add, Ms. Gayhan, I really
16 appreciate your feedback and as a regular transit
17 rider, I share your concerns. We did have a
18 discussion around some of the issues around the,
19 you know, train and bus trackers at the service
20 planning -- Strategic Planning and Service Delivery
21 subcommittee meeting at last month's meeting. So I
22 would encourage you to go back to YouTube and I
23 forget the exact number of minutes in, but it's
24 early in the meeting when we had that discussion.



1 So I encourage you to check that out. Thank you.

2 PRESIDENT CARTER: Just to further add to the
3 comments of the Chairman and Director Irvine, we
4 obviously are recognizing the challenges that we
5 have had for our service, a lot of which has had to
6 do with the internal manpower issues that we've had
7 here at CTA.

8 OLIVIA GAYHAN: Right.

9 PRESIDENT CARTER: The good news is that's
10 improving. We're starting to get our employees
11 back and we hope that you're going to see an
12 improvement of the quality of service on the Blue
13 Line as well as the service on all the other lines
14 on our system. We still have challenges that we're
15 working through, but my staff will follow up with
16 you directly to talk about the (indiscernible) that
17 you specifically mentioned in your comment and to
18 provide you with additional information in detail
19 about what we're doing to try to address this
20 problem.

21 OLIVIA GAYHAN: Yeah. Yeah. And I know that
22 the pay raise -- the pay for new employees has gone
23 up, scheduling was made easier for the employees.
24 So, yeah, I can -- I can -- I'm hopeful that, you



1 know, it's improving. But, yes, any additional
2 information would be helpful. Yeah, and with the
3 COVID relief money coming in as well. Great.
4 Yeah. Okay. Any -- I don't know if there's
5 anything else to add from any of the directors
6 about staffing or, like, how are you all recruiting
7 staff? I've seen a couple ads on the buses and
8 stuff, which is really exciting.

9 PRESIDENT CARTER: You know, you raise an
10 interesting point. And, Director -- Chairman
11 Barclay, maybe what we can plan to do is at our
12 upcoming board meeting, give the Board a more
13 complete presentation in terms of our recruitment
14 efforts. There are a lot of innovative things
15 we've added to our recruitment process to try to
16 encourage and identify candidates for positions
17 here at CTA. Some of which came out of the new
18 collective bargaining agreement that gave us more
19 flexibility in how we hire people into the agency
20 and some of which is the work of my HR department
21 to find new ways and approaches to inform and
22 recruit candidates for the job.

23 As you know, and this isn't unusual to --
24 to, you know, the CTA, recruiting in general right



1 now is a challenge for all companies and we're
2 certainly not immune to that and --

3 OLIVIA GAYHAN: No.

4 PRESIDENT CARTER: -- we may absolutely want to
5 give a better overview of sort of what we're doing
6 and how we're approaching that and give the Board a
7 better sense of, you know, the strategies that we
8 are deploying to address the workforce challenges
9 that we've had going forward, particularly in the
10 wake of the pandemic.

11 OLIVIA GAYHAN: Yeah. I appreciate that. And
12 I'll just say from -- I've talked to many friends,
13 my particular demographic is one that is -- you
14 know, I chose to live in the city because of its
15 transit, because I don't have to have a car. Many
16 of the folks I work with are in a similar situation
17 and we go out to restaurants and it's, you know --

18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Ms. --

19 OLIVIA GAYHAN: -- slower service or lower
20 staff. So we're understanding of the staffing
21 issue.

22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Ms. Gayhan.

23 OLIVIA GAYHAN: The frustration -- yes.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Ms. Gayhan, I want to



1 thank you for your comments, but we need to move on
2 now with the board meeting.

3 OLIVIA GAYHAN: Okay. Thank you so much.

4 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you, Ms. Gayhan.
5 And also, Chairman and the Board, we received a
6 letter from -- we received written comment from
7 John Paul Jones with Sustainable Englewood
8 Initiatives as well, which I will distribute after
9 the board meeting.

10 So that concludes the public comment
11 section, Chairman Barclay.

12 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, Greg.

13 Before we move on to the next agenda item,
14 I would like to make a brief comment and request
15 regarding system security. I think we would be
16 remised as a board if we did not acknowledge and
17 address the recent concerns raised regarding
18 security. I understand that CTA is coordinating
19 with the Chicago Police Department as they deploy
20 more officers to our system.

21 President Carter, I think it will be very
22 helpful to the Board and to our ridership to
23 receive an update on summer security plans from the
24 Chicago Police Department at our next meeting. So,



1 President Carter, I'm asking you if you would
2 direct your staff to coordinate this so that we can
3 have representation here from CPD here at our next
4 meeting to address some of the security concern
5 issues that have been raised recently.

6 PRESIDENT CARTER: Absolutely, Chairman. I'm
7 more than happy to coordinate with CPD and give a
8 presentation to the Board at the next board
9 meeting.

10 I will say that we are working very
11 closely with the police department in coordinating
12 and responding to activity on CTA and I think that
13 you will find the information that they can provide
14 to the Board very compelling and I think
15 interesting in terms of what's really happening on
16 CTA and how we're addressing it.

17 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you.

18 Our next order of business is the approval
19 of the minutes of March 9th, 2022. I will now
20 entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the
21 regular board meeting of March 9th, 2022.

22 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

23 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Miller,



1 seconded by Director Ortiz.

2 Direct Miller.

3 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

4 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.

5 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

6 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.

7 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

8 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.

9 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.

11 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

12 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.

13 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.

14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved
15 with six yes votes, sir.

16 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of
17 business is Executive Session. It is my
18 understanding, Brad, that there is no Executive
19 Session scheduled for today.

20 COUNSEL JANSEN: That is correct, Chairman.
21 There is no Executive Session today.

22 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Then our next order of
23 business are Board matters. Agenda Item Number 5
24 is a resolution of appreciation to Director Kevin



1 Irvine.

2 Would the secretary read the resolution,
3 please?

4 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes.

5 Resolution of appreciation to Mr. Kevin
6 Irvine. Whereas Kevin Irvine has served on the
7 Chicago Transit Board for 11 years and whereas
8 throughout his tenure Mr. Irvine has exhibited
9 dedication and transformational leadership in his
10 advocacy for greater public transit accessibility
11 and whereas Mr. Irvine serves as chairman of the
12 Board's Committee on Strategic Planning and Service
13 Delivery with his thoughtful analysis and
14 recommendations that greatly influenced Chicago
15 Transit Authority policies, programs, and
16 efficiencies and whereas an avid public transit
17 supporter and regular rider of CTA buses and
18 trains, Mr. Irvine offered rich insight from the
19 customers' prospective and whereas prior to his
20 suffer on the board, Mr. Irvine served as chair of
21 the CTA Americans with Disabilities Act Advisory
22 Committee for six years and represented the
23 committee on the CTA's Infrastructure Accessibility
24 Task Force, which developed policy recommendations



1 to enhance accessibility on CTA rail stations and
2 whereas Mr. Irvine's work on the ADA Advisory
3 Committee and IATF were instrumental in the
4 development of the CTA's current All Stations
5 Accessibilities Program and whereas in addition to
6 his work on the ADA Advisory Committee,
7 Mr. Irvine's leadership and disability advocacy
8 extends to as many professional and civic
9 commitments, which include his work with Rush
10 University Medical Center, Access Living, Equipped
11 For Equality, Disability Pride Parade and
12 Leadership Parade of Chicago and whereas
13 Mr. Irvine's commitment to accessibility for all is
14 evident in his service on the Board and the
15 Authority is a better and more accessible transit
16 system as a result.

17 Now, therefore, be it resolved the members
18 of the Chicago Transit Board recognize and
19 appreciate the extraordinary positive impact that
20 Kevin Irvine served as to the Board as provided to
21 the Chicago Transit Authority (indiscernible)
22 public transportation system.

23 Be it further resolved that this
24 resolution be spread of record upon the minutes of



1 this meeting and that a suitable copy be presented
2 to Kevin Irvine as an expression of your respect
3 for and gratitude to him.

4 That concludes the resolution, sir.

5 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, Greg.

6 Director Irvine, I would like to thank you
7 for your dedicated service to this Board and to the
8 CTA. Your advocacy for accessibility for all CTA
9 customers has been instrumental in CTA's industry
10 leadership in system accessibility.

11 Though we've served together on the Board
12 for a short time, I truly appreciated your support
13 and have enjoyed working with you. Our paths to
14 serving on the Board are similar. Both of us
15 served on the CTA Advisory Committee prior to our
16 appointments to the Board.

17 Kevin, you will be greatly missed on the
18 Board, but you will never be a stranger to us.
19 Thank you for your service and your dedication to
20 CTA.

21 I will now like to open it up to other
22 board members who may have comments to share their
23 appreciation of Kevin at this time.

24 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: I would also like to share my



1 appreciation for all of your years of commitment
2 and although my time with you here on the Board has
3 been short, I really felt supported and I really
4 learned a lot from you even in this short time.
5 Thank you very much for your years of dedication
6 and we do hope to see you back again in other ways
7 according (phonetic) to CTA, giving us advice,
8 sharing your thoughts.

9 DIRECTOR MILLER: I want to say thank you,
10 Kevin, for your service and what you've done. I
11 came on the Board just to see your commitment, a
12 little going overboard not just during the meeting,
13 but all you do and the information you would bring
14 to this board. Definitely you will be missed and
15 we just thank you for leadership that you have
16 shared in your role and continue with being a rider
17 and supporter of CTA certainly makes a great
18 difference. Thank you so much. We will miss you.

19 DIRECTOR JAKES: Kevin, I have a confession to
20 make. You know, when I learned -- I learned of my
21 appointment to the Board not from the office of the
22 governor, but I learned it from you because you
23 reached out to me on LinkedIn and said
24 congratulations to your appointment and I was



1 Looking at LinkedIn and I said, congratulations to
2 my appointment? You know, Kevin Irvine? And I
3 started doing a deep dive and I said, okay, so I
4 must have been appointed to the CTA Board. So I
5 want to thank you for that, that way I didn't miss
6 my first meeting.

7 It has been a joy the past couple of years
8 sharing on the Board with you because you are
9 exactly what the resolution stated. You know, I
10 couldn't have stated it any better. Your passion
11 for not only the members of the Board, but the city
12 of Chicago and especially making sure that we were
13 ADA compliant was a breath of fresh air. And then
14 also, man, you have like the coolest voice. When
15 we're sitting in meetings and especially in the
16 virtual, you just have like the coolest voice.

17 We're going to miss you and to echo what
18 Chairman Barclay said, please don't be a stranger,
19 my friend, and thank you, thank you for your
20 service and your commitment and your love for
21 humanity.

22 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Director Silva?

23 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes. I have had, okay,
24 the -- I have spent 11 years, okay, that you have



1 been on the Board, you joined in, okay, when I was
2 already on the Board and I really seen, okay, the
3 way you work, okay, with everybody, okay, and
4 congratulate you, okay, for all this time and we
5 will always be very proud, okay, of all your
6 comments, okay, and the ADA support, okay, that you
7 do and wish you have all the very best. Okay?
8 Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: President Carter.

10 PRESIDENT CARTER: Boy. I have some prepared
11 remarks here for you, Kevin, that my staff put
12 together and I probably should read them because
13 they put the work into it, but, you know, you and I
14 have known each other for a very long time. Long
15 before I became president of the CTA, we had the
16 opportunity to work on ADA issues and disability
17 rights and I have known you to be a passionate
18 advocate and defender of the rights of people with
19 disabilities for, you know, a good portion of my
20 career. I don't think there's much more that I can
21 add to the legacy that you've already established
22 in that arena. When I look back on the things
23 you've done at CTA and the voice that you lended to
24 the disability community, it has certainly made CTA



1 a better agency and I think that for all of us in
2 these jobs that we serve in, when it comes time for
3 us to leave, that's the one thing that we hope is
4 the benefit of our time and years of service, that
5 we left the agency in a better place than it was
6 when we got here and I don't think there's any
7 question in my mind, Kevin, that you did that.

8 I would be remiss if I didn't point to one
9 of the biggest things that you did during your
10 tenure here, which of course was the work that you
11 did and the advocacy you engaged in for the
12 creation of the All Station Accessibility Plan. As
13 you know, that set the blueprint for getting CTA to
14 100 percent accessibility. But more important than
15 that, it became the foundation for the
16 conversations that I had with Senator Duckworth
17 that ultimately led, for the first time in the
18 history of this country, to a dedicated revenue
19 source to support the accessibility needs for
20 peoples with disabilities on transit systems.

21 You not only had an impact at the local
22 level, Kevin, you had an impact on the national
23 level and I can tell you, and I know Senator
24 Duckworth has told you, that she looked at CTA as



1 the model for what it is a transit agency should be
2 doing all around the country to address the still,
3 you know, inappropriate and unnecessary lack of
4 accessibility on our systems.

5 So the impact that you've had on transit
6 goes way beyond CTA. You have been a leader at
7 both the local, regional, and national level on
8 disability rights, but more importantly or just as
9 important is that you have had a voice on CTA's
10 Board that went beyond just accessibility issues.
11 I think my staff will tell you that when they sit
12 down to brief you, you regularly come up with the
13 one question that no one thought of until we brief
14 you on it.

15 Your insightfulness, your understanding of
16 our system, your concern about all of our
17 customers, not just those with disabilities, has
18 been a pleasure to have as a voice on this board.
19 It has certainly allowed us and made us think
20 twice, think long and hard about what we should do,
21 why we should do it, and most importantly how we
22 can improve it.

23 So I personally am going to miss you very
24 much and I know that you're not going anywhere and



1 I'm sure I'm going to keep seeing you and you'll
2 still be engaged in all sorts of issues that I'm
3 engaged in, but I just personally wanted to give
4 you my personal appreciation for our relationship
5 and our friendship over these years and for the
6 commitment that you made to CTA and to our
7 customers and to our employees.

8 So with that, there are also a couple of
9 things that I also want to take a moment to do
10 before I finish my remarks and I have two members
11 of my leadership team that have gifts for you that
12 we would like to share with you at this time.

13 Our Chief Transit Officer Donald Bonds and
14 his crew created a special plaque for you, which I
15 believe Don is going to show. There he is. There
16 it is.

17 Hopefully you can see that, but it's a
18 plaque and on the plaque, it reads, Kevin Irvine,
19 in appreciation for your dedicated service CTA
20 Transit Board 2011 to 2022 with gratitude from the
21 CTA's President's Office.

22 I also have my Chief Infrastructure Office
23 Bill Mooney Junior who has a second gift for you
24 that is very, very unique. In fact, I don't know



1 that I've ever seen a gift like this in my entire
2 career. It was created by the members of his team
3 and I know he's showing that to you now. What it
4 is is an elevator call button lamp, which was made
5 especially for you in recognition of your passion
6 for excellence in elevator maintenance and
7 communication about elevator status. We've all
8 appreciated your steadfast push for CTA to
9 constantly improve in that area and I've already
10 put my order in to Bill Mooney to get a similar
11 lamp for me.

12 Director Irvine, on behalf of the CTA
13 customers who have taken millions of rides on our
14 buses and trains each year, on behalf of our 11,000
15 employees, and as I indicated earlier from me
16 personally, I want to thank you for everything you
17 have done for this agency and for caring so deeply
18 about those who needed your voice. We will
19 continue to focus on the issues you've highlighted
20 over the years and we wish you well in the next
21 chapter of civic leadership and disability
22 inclusion advocacy. I can tell you that you will
23 be certainly sorely missed. Thank you so much,
24 Kevin.



1 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, President
2 Carter, and thank you to all of the board members
3 for your comments on behalf of Kevin.

4 Kevin, we wish you the best.

5 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Chairman Barclay, may I take
6 a moment?

7 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Absolutely.

8 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Thank you. Thanks all of you
9 for your words and the heart behind them. This is
10 a really, really bittersweet day for me. I'm a
11 transit lifer as you all know and, you know, I have
12 been saying we when referring to the CTA for many
13 years now and it's going to be strange to no longer
14 be part of that, you know, we as a board member,
15 but certainly in my heart, I'm always part of that
16 we.

17 But I mean, it started back in '97. I
18 moved to CT -- I moved to Chicago and I was riding,
19 you know, the 146 bus on Lakeshore Drive sometimes
20 standing on the bottom step, you know, just a few
21 inches away from the pavement on Lakeshore Drive on
22 a fully packed bus and it extended to many, many
23 more years of riding buses and trains and then
24 raising my now 16-year old daughter on the CTA and



1 it included a lawsuit against CTA back in 2000 for
2 not doing enough to make sure that it was
3 accessible to people with disabilities and that led
4 to a fantastic settlement agreement that I worked
5 on at Equipped for Equality and that led to me
6 joining the CTA's ADA Advisory Committee and the
7 Infrastructure Accessibility Task Force.

8 But, you know, the thing that I learned
9 the more I got to know CTA, both from outside
10 perspective and then from an inside perspective, is
11 just how many amazing people are working at CTA.
12 And, you know, President Carter, from you all the
13 way on down to there's some amazing people working
14 as customer service assistants in the rail
15 stations, bus operators, rail operators, the folks
16 working to repair the system, to fix the tracks, to
17 fix the elevators, I mean, you know, to clean up
18 the stations. There's some really terrific people
19 at CTA that I've met over the years and I think
20 that has been something that I've always felt like
21 people don't give the really great people at CTA
22 enough credit for, all the things that work well.
23 Because, you know, we provide so many rides every
24 day and when things go badly or don't work well,



1 you hear about that, but you don't hear about all
2 the rides that go smoothly and go well. So I just
3 really appreciate the hard work that everyone
4 brings to their job at CTA.

5 But I also want to say it has been a
6 tremendous learning experience as a CTA board
7 member and it has led to some great moments and one
8 thing I just want to share is early on in my tenure
9 on the Board, I was riding on the Brown Line with
10 my daughter Dominiqua (phonetic), taking her home
11 from school, and it was a stormy day and she was
12 probably about -- probably about seven at this
13 point and we left the Rockwell station on the Brown
14 Line and headed towards my eventual stop at Kedzie
15 and a tree had fallen across the tracks and so the
16 train was halfway out of the station, pouring rain
17 outside, thunder, lighting and the train operator
18 stopped the train and then came on the intercom and
19 said, well folks, there's a tree across the tracks
20 up ahead and I'm not really sure what to do here,
21 so just hang tight and I'll let you know. He, you
22 know, got off the PA and my daughter says, Dad,
23 you're a CTA board member, go do something. Come
24 on, Dad, you're a member of the CTA Board. I'm



1 like sh, sh, I can't do anything about this. I
2 can't fix this. But even though I was not as
3 all-powerful as my daughter may have thought I was
4 in terms of the CTA back when she was seven, it's
5 been -- it's been a fun challenge to try to figure
6 out ways that I could impact the CTA in my time as
7 a board member and I've really appreciated the
8 partnership from so many other amazing board
9 members beyond this terrific crew.

10 I got right here, today, my running buddy
11 on the CTA. You know, Jacky Grimshaw, John Bowman,
12 Andre Youngblood, Arabel Alva Rosales, of course
13 Terry Peterson, and I'm going to miss great folks
14 that served on the Board, but there have been some
15 really terrific folks that have come into this
16 public service and I appreciate what everyone has
17 done to support the CTA and I hope I can still
18 serve on the ASAP working group and keep a little
19 finger in the CTA and not leave completely because,
20 yeah, I'm not going anywhere and I'm not going to
21 be -- I'm going to continue to share my
22 perspectives and insights when I've got them.

23 But I also want to say, you guys have a
24 got a great board member coming on board. Michele



1 Lee is going to be sitting in this seat pending
2 City Council approval. She's going for the
3 Transportation Committee for the City of Chicago
4 tomorrow. She's a fantastic and passionate
5 disability activist and has been advocating for
6 accessibility on the CTA for a number of years.
7 She is going to bring new energy, different energy
8 than I've got, and I think that's invaluable.

9 And I've got to shout out to Mayor Harold
10 Washington, he would have turned a hundred this
11 week if he was still with us, because when
12 disability activists were fighting for access to
13 buses and trains in the '70s and '80s, especially
14 the in the '80s, he appointed disability rights
15 activist Jim Charlton to the CTA Board in '86 who
16 was the lone voice on the CTA Board at that time
17 saying we should have lifts on buses. Jim was a
18 wheelchair user and he was a good friend and that
19 was a big commitment and since then, this seat has
20 been held by a disability advocate from Karen
21 Disher after Jim Charlton left to Jack Catlin and
22 Harry Chandler and then me. But it really goes
23 back to Mayor Harold Washington. So his impact
24 continues to touch all of us today and I'm ever in



1 debt to his commitment to inclusion.

2 So anyway, I could ramble a lot more,
3 but -- because I do love talking about transit, but
4 we've got to move on. I just want to say stay in
5 touch. I will definitely be around and I will be
6 watching from the distance and I wish we could be
7 in person so we could say our -- you know, say our
8 farewells in person, but thank you again. Thanks
9 for everything and I wish you all the best and I am
10 excited to see, President Carter, what you continue
11 to accomplish because your leadership on the CTA
12 has been inspiring, has been groundbreaking, and I
13 can't thank you enough for your deep, deep, deep
14 commitment to accessibility and (indiscernible)
15 inclusion and the ASAP plan and making that a
16 reality and I'm excited to see it happen and I'm
17 excited that Michele will have a chance to be a
18 part of happening as well.

19 So thank you and I'll see you all around
20 on the CTA, on the buses and trains. And I will be
21 getting a CTA tattoo soon. I've got to design it
22 first. Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: That might be a first
24 here. Thank you, Kevin. Thank you, Kevin.



1 we will now take up board item --

2 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.

3 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.

4 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay, I did
5 not put in your remarks that we need to have a
6 motion to approve the resolution for Kevin.

7 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: I'm so sorry.

8 SECRETARY LONGHINI: My mistake.

9 DIRECTOR MILLER: You want me to make it?

10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: We can entertain a motion
11 to approve the resolution.

12 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

13 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.

14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is moved by
15 Director Miller and seconded by Director Ortiz.

16 Director Miller.

17 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.

19 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.

21 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.

23 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.



1 DIRECTOR IRVINE: I'll abstain.

2 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.

3 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.

4 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved
5 with five yes votes and one abstention, sir.

6 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you. We will now
7 take up Board Item Number 5, a resolution setting
8 the date of the April 2022 Chicago Transit Board
9 regular meeting. May I have a motion to approve?

10 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

11 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.

12 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Miller,
13 seconded by Director Ortiz.

14 Director Miller.

15 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

16 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.

17 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.

19 DIRECTOR JAKES: Question. I'm unsure what's
20 happening here.

21 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: This is just a resolution
22 of setting today's meeting because it's not -- out
23 of our regular schedule.

24 DIRECTOR JAKES: Okay. Got it. I got it. I



1 forgot we were supposed to meet last week.

2 Yes.

3 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.

4 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.

6 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.

8 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.

9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved
10 with six yes votes, sir.

11 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of
12 business is Board Agenda Item Number 5C. I will
13 now entertain a motion to approve an ordinance
14 appointing a trustee and an alternate to the Board
15 of Trustees of the retirement plan for Chicago
16 Transit Authority employees.

17 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

18 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.

19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Miller,
20 seconded by Director Ortiz.

21 Director Miller.

22 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.

24 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.



1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.

2 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

3 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.

4 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.

6 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.

8 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.

9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved
10 with six yes votes, sir.

11 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of
12 business is Agenda Item Number 5D. I will now
13 entertain a motion to approve an ordinance
14 appointing an alternate to the Board of Trustees of
15 the Chicago Transit Authority Retiree Health Care
16 Trust.

17 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

18 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.

19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Miller,
20 seconded by Director Ortiz.

21 Director Miller.

22 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.

24 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.



1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.

2 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

3 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.

4 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.

6 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.

8 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.

9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved
10 with six yes votes.

11 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of
12 business today is a report from the committee --
13 the Committee of Finance, Audit and Budget.

14 Chairman Silva.

15 DIRECTOR SILVA: The Finance, Audit and Budget
16 Committee met earlier this morning. The Committee
17 reviewed -- the Committee reviewed the finance
18 report and approved the March 9th committee
19 minutes.

20 The Committee reviewed three ordinance.
21 An ordinance authorizing a co-promotional trade
22 agreement with the City of Chicago through its
23 Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events
24 for 2022; an ordinance authorizing the continuation



1 of University Pass, U-Pass, contract terms
2 previously amended due to the COVID-19 pandemic for
3 the summer 2022 term; an ordinance authorizing an
4 amendment to a sublease to Chicago Public Schools
5 for space located at 567 West Lake Street, Chicago,
6 Illinois. The Committee also reviewed seven
7 contracts. The Committee approved the three
8 ordinances and the seven contracts and placed them
9 on the omnibus and recommend the board approval of
10 the omnibus and that concludes my report, Chairman
11 Barclay.

12 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you,
13 Chairman Silva.

14 May I now have a motion to approve the
15 omnibus as stated by Director Silva?

16 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

17 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.

18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Miller,
19 seconded by Director Ortiz.

20 Director Miller.

21 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.

23 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.



1 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

2 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.

3 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

4 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.

5 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

6 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.

7 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.

8 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved

9 with six yes votes, sir.

10 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of

11 business is the construction report.

12 Bill Mooney.

13 BILL MOONEY: Herb.

14 Good morning, Directors. We'll begin our
15 monthly update where we normally do on the Your New
16 Blue signal project. Next slide, please.

17 So work continues in the commissioning of
18 the new system at O'Hare and that cutover. This is
19 one of the last two major milestones on the
20 project. The last piece will be done at Rosemont
21 where our yard and shop is based. And kind of
22 another key piece of this is Rosemont equipment is
23 actually in factory testing, which is kind of a key
24 aspect. This is the last of the equipment being



1 developed and constructed for field installation
2 and going through factory acceptance makes us one
3 step closer to the completion of this project.

4 I'll move forward some photos. So at
5 O'Hare, which is in the subway here, we've done --
6 you'll see something a little different here than
7 what you've seen kind of historically on the
8 project is actually installing series of lights.
9 These lights help illuminate switches and signals
10 when people are working out there as well. It
11 helps really brighten up the area. So here's some
12 of the switch lighting being installed in the
13 ceiling there.

14 Next picture, please. Similar to you've
15 seen on some of the other wayside infrastructures.
16 So all the wiring that comes from the relay houses,
17 or in this case these are rooms, come out the
18 junction box in the field where they're actually
19 terminated and connected to wayside apparatuses.
20 It's no different here in the subway and you can
21 see that work that's occurring as that wiring gets
22 pulled through a series of duct banks and
23 ultimately up to these junction boxes and then gets
24 re-terminated at field apparatuses. Next slide,



1 please.

2 My next project is our Jackson Power Track
3 and Structure Improvement project, our inhouse
4 program on the south side.

5 So this work is predominantly completed at
6 61st interlocking and the track work is pushed
7 south of there towards 63rd Street as well as the
8 structural renewal is coming quickly to completion
9 with one weekend worth of work out there left. We
10 can move to some photos of the work going on here.

11 Here's this completed work at 61st
12 interlocking. This is a very complicated series of
13 track work to be doing. We did most of this work
14 under traffic where we were able to get these long
15 ties fed in from support from the axis from the
16 yard. It was a really great effort on the crew to
17 kind of do that and do that safely.

18 Next slide. Here, again, is some of the
19 structure work. So as I've mentioned before, this
20 work is occurring under weekend line cuts
21 sporadically to support this as the work is all
22 occurring over 63rd Street and you get a sense of
23 the amount of infrastructure that has to go in
24 place just to support the renewal of that work. So



1 here's a series of structural support, temporary
2 structural supports that go up to hold the
3 structure in place while we take apart the
4 components and replace them with new fabricated
5 components and all that work is occurring kind of
6 in one weekend window of 36 hours. We put
7 everything in place, we support the structure, we
8 take it apart, we put in the new component, put it
9 back together, and clear the street.

10 Next slide, please. This is our Irving
11 Park escalator and canopy replacement program.
12 Project remains on schedule and on budget and we're
13 moving kind of out of -- quickly into the
14 installation of the escalators at Irving Park and
15 finishing up the work on that side and starting to
16 get ready to install a new canopy as well as moving
17 to the Pulaski slide for the completion part of
18 this project.

19 Next slide. So last month I showed you
20 kind of the demolition of the existing escalator
21 unit. Here's we started putting it back in place.
22 So here they're forming out the new substructure
23 for that escalator. It has a slightly different
24 base to it, so they needed to form a new footprint



1 for it.

2 Next slide. Here's that new escalator at
3 the factory being factory acceptance tested. Very
4 similar to what we do to signal systems or other
5 complex systems. We actually put them through a
6 series of tests at the factory before we put them
7 on site to make sure they work as designed and are
8 fully functional.

9 Here's the next slide. Very similar to
10 demolition, the construction goes in the same
11 process. So we're bringing it in segments and
12 moving it up through a series of chain mechanisms
13 that are up through the stairwell until it gets in
14 place and then we bolt it into the next section and
15 keep working our way down to that last piece that's
16 mounted and can be supported by its own weight.

17 Next slide, please. This is at Kedvale,
18 Edmunds, and Sacramento substation. This is part
19 of our Blue Line traction upgrades project. It
20 remains on schedule and on budget. Move towards
21 the slides.

22 We're very excited to start receiving
23 equipment on site. So the first of the lineups, as
24 you've seen in kind of a lot of these substation



1 projects, is coming in place here and that's lineup
2 number two where we're actually in the process of
3 decommissioning that lineup equipment so we can
4 bring in the new equipment. This is an interior
5 photo showing the rectifiers, which is the
6 equipment that converts it to DC power.

7 Next slide. Here we are taking apart
8 those. Now, these units are from the 1980s and we
9 have a lot of equipment left on our system in that
10 generation and parts are kind of hard to come by.
11 So as we retire out some of these pieces of
12 equipment, we actually salvage spare parts off of
13 them to keep the other parts of our system
14 operating safely and functional.

15 Next slide. One of the things that kind
16 of comes up with most of this when we do the
17 equipment upgrades is the footprint of the new
18 equipment is significantly bigger than the older
19 equipment and so we actually have to expand the
20 footprints of the pads -- the concrete pads to
21 support the equipment. So that's what you're
22 seeing here.

23 Next slide. This is our non-revenue rail
24 vehicle maintenance facility. Work continues on



1 schedule, on budget. Mostly in the design
2 validation phase as we move into permitting and
3 kind of our advance work on the site.

4 Here's a couple photos of the
5 (indiscernible) going on. This is the rock coring
6 process where we're actually going down to the
7 bedrock to get the depth and loading criteria on
8 those segments of rock for the foundation of the
9 new facility. So here are a couple photos of that
10 advance work.

11 Next slide. Here's another example of
12 that going on.

13 Next slide. And one new slide we're
14 introducing is we are coming back into our refresh
15 and renew program in the spring. So next month
16 I'll have photos of the full program and we'll
17 start talking about details of the station, but
18 this gives you a sense of the scope for this year.
19 We are going after 28 stations. So we are going
20 after another aggressive program. This is on top
21 of the 35 we did last year. So this is another
22 different 28 stations that we'll be doing this year
23 with a full renewal, which includes the lighting,
24 the painting, the repairs, the infrastructure



1 upgrades. And then we will be finishing off our
2 SDE painting program, which was 92 stations that we
3 started in the fall of last year with the remaining
4 58, some of which were recently awarded by the
5 Board under contract last board meeting.

6 So more details and exciting kind of
7 footprint pictures of the work we're doing out in
8 the field with our forces, you know, on our
9 stations and kind of footprint for our customers
10 and experience out there. But I wanted to give you
11 a sense of what's coming ahead and let you know
12 that we're getting going in the spring.

13 With that, I'll be glad to take any
14 questions.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you, Bill.

16 Any questions, Chairman Barclay?

17 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: No questions. Thank you,
18 Bill.

19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.

20 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions, Bill, but just
21 thank you so much to you and your team for all of
22 your work you're doing and have done and will be
23 doing for your incredible commitment to
24 accessibility. In my time at the CTA, it has been



1 a pleasure to work with you and your team have been
2 so tremendously responsive whenever I have brought
3 any issues up or asked questions. So I really
4 appreciate the partnership and I appreciate all the
5 hard work that you and everyone you work with is
6 doing. Keep it up. Thank you.

7 BILL MOONEY: Thank you, Director. I would
8 also say thank you to you as well. When I started
9 in my role, we rode home on the train on some
10 occasions when our schedules timed up and I always
11 really appreciated your perspective from the
12 community standpoint, but also just how to work
13 with the Board and to serve you better and the
14 community better and I really, really appreciated
15 that honest insight.

16 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz, any -- any
17 questions?

18 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: No additional questions.
19 Thank you.

20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.

21 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.

22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.

23 DIRECTOR SILVA: No questions.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Direction Miller.



1 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

2 SECRETARY LONGHINI: All right. Thank you.

3 Chairman, we're finished with Bill
4 Mooney's report.

5 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: We will now call on Chris
6 Bushell and Brittney Johnson to make their RPM and
7 diversity presentations.

8 CHRIS BUSHELL: Thank you, Chairman, Directors.
9 Chris Bushell, your Chief RPM Officer.

10 RPM phase one design-build contract
11 continues on budget and tight to schedule. It has
12 been a busy month. We've seen a lot of work on the
13 bypass -- actually, not so much on the bypass
14 itself. More on that segment we put a temporary
15 track in place and started demolition or continued
16 demolition of the western most tracks of the -- the
17 western most tracks in that four-track corridor.
18 It's really starting in earnest with the
19 modernization effort for the existing railroad, the
20 bridge under if you will. We've done the bridge
21 over now the bypass and we're working on the bridge
22 under.

23 The corridor signal improvements continue
24 with various testing and testing work and



1 decommissioning of existing systems looking toward
2 the installation of new ones north of the project
3 area and then Lawrence to Bryn Mawr mostly
4 continues with the installation of the segmented
5 box girder bridge in various stages. So you'll see
6 some pictures of that as we go to the next slide.

7 So I spoke of the -- some of the work
8 we're doing. There is an important set up for
9 doing the modernization. You can see here in the
10 photograph where we've removed the track from a
11 section -- from the western pair of tracks as we
12 start to do the removal of that track system or
13 that track and structure system and the
14 installation of a new modern system in its place.
15 But in order to do that, we had to install the
16 temporary track and you can see kind of in the left
17 side of this photograph towards the buildings, a
18 track that is emerged out of nowhere. We build it
19 over the course of the last year and particularly
20 over the course of the last winter. The contractor
21 deserves some significant credit for completing
22 this work over the winter, much of it, and the
23 preliminary track work associated with it. They
24 deserve significant credit for doing that over the



1 winter as well as during a pandemic.

2 We have seen some weathering issues --
3 preliminary weather issues on the bypass itself.
4 We have detected a limited number of surface
5 nonstructural spalls on the bypass. I want to
6 ensure the Board that we're inspecting these daily
7 and proactively removing any loose concrete
8 associated with them. The contractor is
9 determining a cause -- a likely cause and will
10 repair these at their own expense over the course
11 of the summer and the fall.

12 We can advance to the next slide. This
13 shows you some of the work that we did preliminary
14 to putting the -- to putting this temporary track
15 in place. This track really enables us to sort of
16 move around the existing tracks, tracks one and two
17 are the westernmost tracks, so we can continue with
18 our modernization work.

19 Next slide. And of course at Lawrence to
20 Bryn Mawr, we continue with drilling caissons. We
21 continue with the assembly of the columns and the
22 caps on top of that and then finally the erection
23 of the segmented boxes girder. If you can go to
24 the next slide.



1 There you go. We're doing about a span a
2 week up here. We'll shortly be moving over various
3 new areas heading south with this bridge. So it's
4 exciting to see it come into form. Next.

5 Kind of giving you a picture of what it
6 looks like. You can see some of the night work
7 over my shoulder, my background. In some cases
8 when we're working over busy streets, we need to
9 close those streets, we do it at night to minimize
10 impact to traffic during the day. We do the
11 erection of the segment and then proceed with day
12 work after that and for smaller neighborhood
13 streets. Next.

14 And our outreach is continued as well.
15 We've provided various updates to the 44th ward,
16 project updates to the 48th ward in the Lawrence to
17 Bryn Mawr segment.

18 We've had very exciting name the gantry
19 presentations to elementary school students who had
20 some great ideas from them. Really positive and
21 fun engaging with the community in that regard.

22 We are beginning to look at art with Bill
23 and his staff for the RPM Red Line stations and
24 structures. We have distributed various community



1 fliers in regard to some of the demolition work
2 you've seen. You can imagine that that creates
3 some impacts. We want to make sure people are
4 aware and can plan ahead for that.

5 We've also have various meeting about
6 transit-oriented design in the area of the
7 segmented box girder and the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr
8 segments.

9 virtual office hours. We continue to put
10 out our newsletters and various other pieces of
11 information to the community to make sure they're
12 informed both from a ridership perspective as well
13 as construction impact perspective.

14 With that, I will turn it over to
15 Diversity and Brittney.

16 BRITTNEY JOHNSON: Thank you, Chris.

17 Good morning, Directors. Brittney
18 Johnson, Manager of Diversity Programs.

19 Diversity continues to meet with the
20 contractors monthly to discuss DBE and workforce
21 outreach (indiscernible) compliant. We also
22 continue to send opportunities from Walsh-Fluor to
23 the DBE community so they are aware of the trade
24 packages and how to submit their bids.



1 On April 12th, we hosted an RPM workforce
2 outreach event in the Red Line Extension footprint.
3 The event was hosted at Olive-Harvey College and
4 focused on individuals seeking a career in the
5 trades and existing union members seeking
6 employment opportunities on RPM.

7 The event featured a presentation with
8 speakers from CTA, Walsh-Fluor, and our RPM
9 workforce partners, which is HIRE360 and the
10 Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership.

11 Following the presentation, the attendees
12 were invited to network with representatives from
13 various unions, subcontracts, and work assist
14 agencies involved on the RPM project.

15 As of March 31st, DBEs have been awarded
16 over \$199 million between the design and
17 construction packages. Additionally, those
18 199 million have been to 71 unique DBE firms. This
19 is the result of the outreach that has been
20 conducted by CTA in their prime to ensure the
21 entire DBE community is aware of the opportunities
22 on the project.

23 One of the goals of RPM was to engage with
24 DBEs that had never participated on a CTA project



1 and some of these firms are well-established and
2 some are new to the industry. Of the 71 unique
3 firms, 27 are new to CTA.

4 On the workforce side, as of March 31st,
5 over 1400 unique individuals have worked over
6 676,000 labor hours and earned over \$38.6 million.
7 These represent family-sustaining middle-class
8 jobs, which is why we continue to outreach to the
9 community to ensure that residents of economically
10 disadvantaged areas have the resource to access
11 these careers.

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, Chris and
14 Brittany.

15 Are there any questions, board members?

16 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: No questions. Thank you.

17 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions, Mr. Chairman.

18 DIRECTOR SILVA: No questions.

19 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

20 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you.

21 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions, but Chris, I
22 also want to thank you for all -- everything you've
23 done to educate me in my ten-plus years on the
24 Board about all of these different complex issues



1 and for your deep, deep commitment to the CTA and
2 to the work that you're doing, you and your team is
3 doing because I know you've got an incredible team
4 working with you and I've learned a lot from you
5 over the years and I appreciate everything that
6 you've done to make the system work better, more
7 smoothly, faster, and more accessible and I'm
8 excited to see the RPM project go and continue and
9 I may be logging in to check these infrastructure
10 updates since they will now be on YouTube. Thank
11 you.

12 CHRIS BUSHELL: If you are going to get a CTA
13 tattoo, Director Irvine, maybe you should consider
14 a micropile rig as part of that tattoo.

15 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Send me a design drawing and
16 I'll definitely put that under consideration.

17 CHRIS BUSHELL: All right. It has been great
18 working with you.

19 DIRECTOR IRVINE: You too.

20 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Before we move on to new
21 business, President Carter, perhaps you can give us
22 an update on the mask mandate or issues involving
23 masks.

24 PRESIDENT CARTER: Absolutely, Chairman



1 Barclay. I think if anybody has been following the
2 mask conversation on public transit over the last
3 24 hours, it has been somewhat of a roller coaster
4 ride of activity and, certainly, yesterday was a
5 very interesting day as we sort of maneuvered our
6 way through the impact of the court's decision to
7 strike down the CDC guidance requiring masks on
8 public transportation.

9 One of the things that you may remember as
10 a board is that we actually passed a board
11 ordinance I guess almost two years ago implementing
12 a mandatory mask policy on CTA. That ordinance was
13 predicated on both the Federal directive and also
14 what I think a lot of people have forgotten over
15 the time, the governor's order. Both of which
16 mandated masks on public transportation.

17 When the CDC announced that they were no
18 longer enforcing their directive, a lot of people
19 thought that that meant CTA would automatically
20 drop the mandate when, in fact, that was not the
21 case because the governor's order still was in
22 effect and still required masks as a mandatory
23 requirement for riding public transportation.

24 That led to a whole bunch of meetings



1 around conversations yesterday about what the
2 governor was going to do and if the governor was
3 going to modify his ordinance and I can tell you
4 that not only was I involved -- or I should say our
5 office was involved in conversations, I know that
6 Metra and Pace were having similar conversations
7 and all three of us were trying to stay coordinated
8 on what we were saying with regards to the
9 requirement for wearing masks on our systems.

10 You know, as we go to that coordination,
11 you may recall that all three of us issued initial
12 statements to the media indicating that masks will
13 continue to be required on public transportation
14 and that position remained in effect until the
15 governor announced yesterday afternoon that he was
16 modifying his order to remove the mandatory
17 requirement for masks on public transportation.

18 After the governor made that modification,
19 we then had no real legal basis to mandate masks on
20 public transportation anymore. So we modified our
21 statement that masks are no longer required, but
22 were certainly encouraged when riding public
23 transportation, which is the position and policy we
24 have in place today.



1 As a result of that decision, we have
2 begun the process of taking down all the signage
3 requiring masks on CTA's system, we have stopped
4 the digital advertising and informational
5 information we were putting up on digital signs
6 about mandatory masks and we're now converting to
7 what I would call a mask encouragement policy, for
8 lack of a better word, where we will roll out
9 appropriate signage and information to our
10 customers reminding them of the importance of
11 wearing masks and encouraging them to wear masks,
12 you know, as they deem appropriate when riding
13 public transportation.

14 With regards to our employees, that is
15 still a work in progress. For now, they are not
16 required to wear masks, but we are looking at
17 whether we should have some sort of, you know,
18 unique policy for our employees and we obviously
19 need to talk to the union regarding that, but, you
20 know, at this point we're encouraging them to
21 continue to wear masks. Obviously they are exposed
22 to, you know, many of our customers over the course
23 of their day, particularly, you know, our frontline
24 employees and we still strongly believe that masks



1 are, you know, one of the best protections that you
2 could have against coming in contact with someone
3 who may be carrying the virus itself.

4 So it is still a work in progress as we
5 move forward. Who knows what the future is going
6 to hold on any of this stuff. As you know and as
7 you lived with me over the last two years, you
8 never get comfortable in predicting what this virus
9 is going to do or what it may mean in terms of CTA
10 and we will continue to review and evolve our
11 policies as we go forward to make sure we're doing
12 the best we can to protect both our employees and
13 customers as they use public transportation in the
14 future.

15 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, President
16 Carter.

17 Any questions or comments from board
18 members?

19 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: No comments or questions.

20 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you.

21 Our next order of business is new
22 business. Is there any new business today, Greg.

23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: No, sir, there is not.

24 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: So there's no further



1 business to come before the Board. May I have a
2 motion to adjourn?

3 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

4 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.

5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Motion is moved by
6 Director Miller and seconded by Director Ortiz.

7 Director Miller.

8 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.

10 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

11 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.

12 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.

14 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.

16 DIRECTOR IRVINE: For the last time, yes.

17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.

18 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.

19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: The motion passes with six
20 yes votes, sir. So we are adjourned.

21 (which were all the proceedings
22 had in the above-entitled
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24 (Adjourned at 11:14 a.m.)



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