1	CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD
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3	IN RE THE MATTER:)
4	REGULAR MEETING)
5	OF JANUARY 12TH, 2022)
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7	Report of proceedings at the meeting of
8	the above-entitled cause, before GINA M.
9	SYLVESTER, Certified Shorthand Reporter and
10	Registered Professional Reporter, on
11	January 12th, 2022, at the hour of 10:23 a.m.
12	via videoconference.
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1	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
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3	LESTER BARCLAY, Chairperson
4	BERNARD JAKES, Vice Chairperson
5	KEVIN IRVINE
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9	STAFF PRESENT:
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11	DORVAL R. CARTER, JR., President
12	GREGORY LONGHINI, Secretary
13	KAREN SEIMETZ, General Counsel
14	CHRIS BUSHELL
15	BILL MOONEY
16	JUANPABLO PRIETO
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	McCorkle Litigation Services, Inc.

(Whereupon, the following 1 2 proceedings were had via videoconference.) 3 4 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Good morning, again. This is Greg Longhini of the CTA Board Office 5 We are about to begin the regularly 6 again. 7 scheduled January 2022 meeting. 8 Chairman Barclay. 9 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Good morning. I would like to call to order the regularly scheduled 10 11 meeting of the Chicago Transit Board for 12 January 12th, 2022. 13 will the secretary call the roll. 14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: I'd be happy to. 15 Director Miller. 16 DIRECTOR MILLER: Here. 17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz. 18 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Here. 19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine. 20 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Here. 21 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva. 22 DIRECTOR SILVA: Here. 23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes. 24 VICE CHAIRPERSON JAKES: Here.

1	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.
2	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Here.
3	SECRETARY LONGHINI: We have a quorum with
4	all six members of the Board present, sir.
5	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you.
6	Our first order of business is public
7	comment.
8	Greg.
9	SECRETARY LONGHINI: No, sir. There's no
10	comment for the day.
11	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Then our next order of
12	business is the approval of the minutes.
13	I will now entertain a motion to
14	approve the minutes of the regular board meeting
15	of December 15th, 2021.
16	DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved. Did you say '20
17	or '21?
18	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: '21.
19	DIRECTOR IRVINE: Second.
20	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by
21	Director Miller, seconded by Director Irvine.
22	I'll take the vote on the minutes.
23	Director Miller.
24	DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

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1	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.
2	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Abstain.
3	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Abstained by Ortiz.
4	Director Irvine.
5	DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.
6	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.
7	DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.
8	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
9	VICE CHAIRPERSON JAKES: Yes.
10	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.
11	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.
12	SECRETARY LONGHINI: The minutes are approved
13	with five yes votes and one abstention by
14	Director Ortiz.
15	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Then our next order of
16	business is executive session.
17	It is my understanding, Karen, that
18	there is no executive session today; am I
19	correct?
20	COUNSEL SEIMETZ: You are correct, there is
21	no executive session today.
22	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of
23	business is board matters. Let's start with
24	Agenda Item 5-A.

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1	I will now entertain a motion to
2	approve an ordinance fixing the salary of
3	Rosa Y. Ortiz as a temporary member of the
4	Chicago Transit Board.
5	DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.
6	DIRECTOR IRVINE: Second.
7	SECRETARY LONGHINI: I'll take a roll call on
8	that item.
9	Director Miller.
10	DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.
11	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.
12	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: I will abstain.
13	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.
14	DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.
15	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
16	VICE CHAIRPERSON JAKES: Yes.
17	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.
18	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.
19	SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved
20	with five yes votes and one abstention by
21	Director Ortiz.
22	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next board matter
23	is Item 5-B.
24	I will now entertain a motion to
	McCorkle Litigation Services, Inc. Chicago, Illinois (312) 263-0052

1	approve an ordinance appointing members and
2	chairs to certain standing committees of the
3	Chicago Transit Board.
4	DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.
5	DIRECTOR IRVINE: Second.
6	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by
7	Director Miller, seconded by Director Irvine.
8	The vote on 5-B.
9	Director Miller.
10	DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.
11	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.
12	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.
13	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.
14	DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.
15	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.
16	DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.
17	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
18	VICE CHAIRPERSON JAKES: Yes.
19	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.
20	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.
21	SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved,
22	sir, with six yes votes.
23	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: For our next board
24	matter item on the agenda, I'd like to take a

moment to recognize General Counsel
 Karen Seimetz who, as many of you know, is
 retiring at the end of this month after 11 years
 of providing excellent legal counsel and
 guidance to the Board and to the Chicago Transit
 Authority.

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Karen, on behalf of the Board, I'd like to thank you for your service and dedication to the CTA. Your guidance was extremely helpful to me in my transition into the chairman's seat, and your advice and insight of matters coming before the Board has been crucial to our decision-making process, particularly during this time as the agency faces unprecedented challenges of the ongoing pandemic.

I think I can safely speak for my fellow board members in saying that we will miss you, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors. We'd like to honor you with a resolution in recognition of your exemplary service.

Greg, would you please read theresolution.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes, I would be happy to

read this for my good friend, Karen. 1 Resolution of appreciation, 2 General Counsel Karen G. Seimetz. 3 4 whereas, Karen Seimetz has served as general counsel for the Chicago Transit 5 Authority for 11 years, making her the longest 6 7 tenured general counsel in the agency's history. 8 whereas, throughout her tenure. Karen Seimetz has provided excellent legal 9 10 counsel and guidance to the Chicago Transit 11 Board and to the Authority. Whereas. Karen Seimetz has managed an 12 array of complex litigation and appeals to 13 14 ensure that lawsuits and claims were resolved 15 favorably to the Authority. Whereas, Karen Seimetz has been 16 17 instrumental in the successful implementation of 18 major agency initiatives. 19 whereas. Karen Seimetz provided crucial 20 support to help the Authority secure over \$400 21 million in federal Transportation Infrastructure 22 Finance and Innovation Act loans used for 23 critical infrastructure projects, including

24 (audio disruption) street terminal improvement

project, (audio disruption) project, and CTA's railcar replacement.

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Whereas, Karen Seimetz was instrumental in working with City Hall in Springfield in creating a landmark transit tax increment financing district to provide over \$600 million in funding for the Red/Purple Modernization Project.

Whereas, Karen Seimetz has provided sound guidance in the Authority's development and expansion of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Program and the Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Programs to improve job and contracting opportunities for a diverse workforce on CTA projects.

Whereas, Karen Seimetz has demonstrated steady and innovated leadership in CTA's Law Department, making herself available to the 120 attorneys and staff in her charge with support, encouragement, and guidance.

Whereas, Karen Seimetz created an
ethics and compliance division within the CTA's
Law Department which, under her leadership,
secured CTA's first perfect score on the Federal

Transit Administration Triennial Review in 2016.

Whereas, as General Counsel Karen Seimetz developed and oversaw a robust CTA legal intern program that provides law students with (audio disruption) legal experience and job opportunities post graduation.

Whereas, a committed advocate for professional development, Karen Seimetz has mentored and encouraged attorneys to do their best, expand their professional experiences, and has been instrumental in the professional growth and achievements of those that she has worked with over the years.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the members of the Chicago Transit Board recognize the extraordinary impact that Karen Seimetz provided to the Chicago Transit Authority and the region's public transportation system.

Be it further resolved that the members of the Chicago Transit Board thank Karen Seimetz for her services and dedication to the Chicago Transit Authority and her leadership of the Law Department for the past 11 years.

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And, in conclusion, be it further

1 resolved that the members of the Chicago Transit 2 Board wish Karen Seimetz the best in all of her 3 future endeavors. 4 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, Greg. Before I entertain a motion for this 5 resolution. I'd like to open the floor to the 6 7 board members and to President Carter to give 8 remarks for recognizing Karen's career here at 9 the CTA. Thank you, Chairman --10 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Go ahead, go ahead. 11 **DIRECTOR MILLER:** 12 Go ahead, Director Miller. **DIRECTOR IRVINE:** 13 DIRECTOR MILLER: Thank you, 14 Chairman Barclay. 15 And, yeah, I just want to join the team in saving thank you, Karen. It's certainly been 16 17 a pleasure and -- for your leadership and your 18 professionalism. We're going to miss you. And just feel like it's not time for you to go, but 19 20 just say thank you, happy new year, and God 21 bless you. 22 DIRECTOR IRVINE: And I'm going to jump in on 23 that. Karen, it's been such fun to work with 24

you. You've done a great job leading that legal team and done so much for the CTA.

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And it's been a pleasure to work with you, and I've appreciated all the chances we've had to, you know, work on everything over the time you've been at CTA. I'm going to miss you. I'm definitely going to miss your steady hand on the legal team.

And you have, no doubt, earned your retirement and whatever you do in the years to come, but we're going to miss you. It's not going to be the same around here without you.

So thank you, thank you, thank you. And please enjoy your time off and don't log into our meetings once you're gone.

VICE CHAIRPERSON JAKES: Karen, I am really going to miss you. You know, you made life very simple for me. And the reason why you made life simple is because when I first came on the Board and hearing all of the acronyms and things of that nature and trying to catch up, you very lovingly poured it in a cup I could drink from.

So, you know, it has been a joy.
Typically, my experience (audio disruption)

you'll have some hard shoes to fill. And, you know, I never believed in that. I will say, though, that -- because your shoes can't be filled.

But I do hope that the next general counsel will definitely follow in your footsteps because you have, indeed, made an indelible impact on the CTA in general and me personally.

So congratulations, enjoy, and I look forward in the near future being able to banter with you because you have quick wit.

DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Karen, I'd like to say thank you as well. I know it's been a short run on my end to have engaged with you, but I recognize what 11 years can be in terms of a commitment to an organization. And by everything that everyone else has shared, I know your time has made a huge impact on the agency.

So, thank you, and I do hope and know that all of the work that you've done throughout these 11 years will be felt in all of the upcoming sessions that we'll have the opportunity to work with.

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So thank you for seating great seats

that will hopefully outlast for a number of more 1 2 years to come. 3 Thank you. 4 PRESIDENT CARTER: I don't know if 5 Director Silva wanted to say anything, but if 6 not, I'll make a few remarks. 7 DIRECTOR SILVA: I will make a remark. 8 I will really miss Karen and we will 9 miss you -- all. Okay? I mean, you really are 10 great. And have a very, very, very nice 11 retirement. 12 Thank you. Thank you, Karen. 13 So let me say a few words PRESIDENT CARTER: 14 about Karen. 15 You know, as the president of the CTA, 16 the relationship between the president and the general counsel really is probably the most 17 important relationship I have outside of the one 18 19 that I have with the chairman. My ability to 20 move forward with the vision that I have for 21 this agency and to be able to successfully 22 implement it is so much intertwined with Karen's 23 ability to deliver on the legal issues and the 24 strategic work that needs to happen to bring

these things to fruition.

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And, you know, I want to give a little bit of history of the relationship between Karen and I because it actually goes back before my time here at CTA as president.

I first met Karen about 11 years ago when she first started at CTA and I was at FTA as the chief counsel. And Karen, who had taken on this position with no real background in transit, made what was probably a very smart and prudent move. She reached out to someone who she felt would be very knowledgeable about what she needed to know and what she needed to do. And Karen and I, you know, struck up a relationship from day one based on that.

16 One of the things that I found 17 interesting in the resolution that Greg read was 18 the work that Karen did on the financial side in 19 terms of our innovative financing projects. And that work also has a special connection with me 20 21 and Karen because it was during one of the deals 22 that Karen was working on that she came out to 23 Washington, D.C., and I got to meet her in 24 person for the very first time.

And Karen, Mike McLaughlin, and myself had dinner at a restaurant not far from my office. And over the course of that dinner and over more than one bottle of wine, one starts to, you know, speculate about the future and what one might do if certain things were to occur. And certainly, one of things that we speculated about was whether or not I would ever come back to CTA.

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And Karen said something back then that has always stuck with me throughout my entire tenure here, which was that if I came back to CTA, she would love to stay on as general counsel to work with me.

I told Karen at the time that, You need to stay on as general counsel as long as you don't leave before I do.

Well, Karen didn't hold up her end of the bargain, but she has put in more than her fair share of time at CTA, and certainly, I have appreciated the work she's done for me.

I had a moment to reflect this morning on how many general counsels I've worked with during my time at CTA, and the number is pretty astonishing, actually. I've worked with seven different general counsels over the periods of time that I've been here, which says something about the longevity of what Karen has accomplished here at CTA.

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This position is not a position that tends to have a lot of longevity to it. But I think it's a reflection of Karen's acumen, her knowledge, her ability to work with others, her ability to be strategic in her approach in dealing with issues that has allowed Karen to be so successful here at CTA working under two different presidents over the course of her tenure.

And I, for one, will be forever grateful to have Karen not only as my general counsel, but also as a colleague and a friend. She has been a confidant, she has been an advisor. She has been someone who has, you know, argued with me because, believe it or not, I'm probably not the easiest client in the world to have.

But in spite of all of that, I'vealways appreciated and acknowledged and

benefited from Karen's knowledge and experience, and I have no doubt that this will be a hole that will be very big to fill in what I view is a critical aspect of what I view to be successful here at CTA.

So, Karen, I believe that we have a little something that I wanted to give you from the President's Office in recognition of all the work that you have done with me and with my team that we felt was appropriate to show how much we have enjoyed working with you as general counsel.

And so someone should be delivering that to you right now. There you go.

So, Karen, that is from the President's Office in recognition of your work and support of me personally and my office. And as I indicated, I will be forever thankful for all the contributions, the sacrifices, the hard work that you've put in on behalf of CTA, and I wish nothing but the best in a well-deserved time off to enjoy your life and to spend time doing things other than dealing with me and my issues at CTA on a daily basis.

1 Thank you so much, Karen. 2 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, 3 President Carter. Karen, we invited one other special 4 5 quest, Joe Biden. Unfortunately, he was unable 6 to attend, but he sent the next best person to 7 congratulate you. And I'd like to have former 8 Chairman Terry Peterson, who's joining us this 9 morning, congratulate you as well. 10 Welcome, Terry. 11 TERRY PETERSON: Good morning, everyone. 12 President Carter, Chairman Barclay, hopefully -and the Directors, hopefully you can see me. 13 14 Happy new year to everyone. 15 Karen, I could not allow this moment to pass by. I will say to you -- we can talk later 16 17 about what I said to you yesterday was true, but 18 after I talked with you, guess what I did next? 19 So we'll talk about that after this. 20 But I wanted to just call in and say 21 that 10 of those 11 years was spent with me. 22 And I can't thank Karen enough for all of the 23 quidance, help that she provided, but more 24 importantly, one of things that stands out is

that we became good friends. I think Dorval talked about that a little bit. Not only was she my general counsel, but we became friends.

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And then something Director Jakes said about her quick wit, and more importantly, her ability to put things in layman's terms so that you would understand them.

And the thing that I love most about Karen, she was a can-do kind of person. Let's figure it out, let's see how we can get home on it. And I was fortunate too that she had dual reporting both to the president as well to the chair of the board.

And, Karen, I just wanted to say you're 14 not retiring, you're actually starting another 15 16 chapter. I get an opportunity now, since you're 17 not working, to call you and hopefully have an 18 opportunity to see you more. But I could not allow this opportunity to call in and say thank 19 20 you for the 10 years of service when I was 21 I look forward to continuing our there. 22 friendship after you leave.

But everything that has been said hasbeen well deserved. You're just awesome.

1	That's the only thing I can say, you're awesome.
2	And, again, you're not retiring. As
3	you can see from what's on the screen, I failed
4	at retirement. I've started a new career, and I
5	know you will start one.
6	So it's just great to see everyone. I
7	don't want to take up too much time, but I
8	wanted Karen to know how much I care about her,
9	how much I appreciate her, and I also just
10	wanted to thank her for the 10 years that I was
11	there at CTA for the guidance, the counseling,
12	and the support she provided to me.
13	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you,
14	Chairman Peterson.
15	Karen, would you like to say a few
16	words?
17	COUNSEL SEIMETZ: Well, you know I'm never
18	going to turn down that opportunity.
19	Thank you all so much. What former
20	Chairman Peterson is not mentioning is, it took
21	him years to call me by the right name as
22	opposed to my predecessor's name. But we won't
23	go there. That's in the past. And so is this
24	11 years.

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when I came to CTA in December of 2010, it was during a mayoral transition. And I said to my daughter, Okay. This is going to be a little rough. I'm going to work some long hours. But don't worry, I'm not going to be in this job for long. She's 21 now. Three presidents, two chairmen, and 11 years has gone by like that, which is why I have to get out of here.

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I had 25 years of experience when I came to the CTA. I knew a little about a lot of 11 things, but as President Carter said, I didn't know anything about transit. And I have to say, I wasn't sure I was ever going to understand 14 completely how the flowchart for how CTA's state funding is calculated. Please don't ask me to 17 explain it now.

On the federal side of things, I did 18 19 have President Carter as my mentor very early 20 And, yes, wine goes a long way with a on. 21 mentor. And I would call him even when he was 22 on vacation and bounce crazy ideas off of him 23 like, I know we can't score DBE participation, 24 but can we give points to vendors for their

historical commitment to DBE and/or workforce programs for disadvantaged workers, something that the CTA does today.

Then in 2015, that mentor, the second lawyer I've had as a boss, came to CTA, and the next day, the Yellow Line fell down. There's always catastrophes, but we always get through them.

9 I'm grateful for many things. I've 10 reported to two chairmen, most recently you, 11 Chairman Barclay, and to many board members, including those today. And you all consistently 12 13 are fully engaged and eager to learn everything about CTA. Each of you have your own unique, 14 15 special interest and you ask hard questions. All of this makes the CTA better. 16

I got a lot of life lessons from Chairman Peterson concerning the use of not vinegar, but honey. But when a vinegary letter needed to be written, he always reached out to me. For all of us, he emphasized the value of the elevator speech, and I don't want to violate that today.

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I thank the Law Department every day.

I make one tiny correction to the ordinance. We do not have 120 lawyers, only 55 remarkable lawyers, and the rest are remarkable staff without whom we couldn't function. If people think I've done anything, it's not me, it's really them. It's never been a stronger department that I'm leaving, and it will continue to provide excellent service and representation.

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And for my fellow chiefs, VPs, everybody else who gives CTA its heart and soul, you're incredible. What a thrill it's been to be on your team. The depth of the commitment that you have to CTA is inspiring. Each of you in your own way is a CTA cowboy willing to do whatever the situation requires to provide safe and reliable service to our customers now and into the future. I have real friendships with so many of you, and I will miss that day to day.

I'm confident that with the leadership,
commitment, and talent right here in this
virtual room and throughout the organization,
along with all the other people in the
organization, that you will all get CTA right

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	side up as the pandemic subsides. And I wish
2	for each one of you everything that's good going
3	forward, including health for yourself and your
4	loved ones.
5	For me, I'm going to take a little time
6	to contemplate my next adventure.
7	Thank you. It's been really fun.
8	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, Karen.
9	Now, I will entertain a motion to
10	approve the resolution of appreciation to
11	General Counsel Karen Seimetz.
12	DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.
13	DIRECTOR IRVINE: I second.
14	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by
15	Director Miller, seconded by Director Irvine.
16	The motion.
17	Director Miller.
18	DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.
19	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.
20	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.
21	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.
22	DIRECTOR IRVINE: A hearty yes for me.
23	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.
24	DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

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1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes. 2 VICE CHAIRPERSON JAKES: Yes, but with the 3 caveat that we change those numbers that Karen mentioned about the 55 -- yeah, because she's 4 5 very detailed. And, you know, make sure we get 6 that changed. But yes. 7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay. 8 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: A resounding yes. 9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Let me respond to what both Karen and Director Jakes said because I 10 11 deliberately read this slowly so that every word 12 was clear. 13 That whereas clause actually says, 14 "...making herself available to the 120 15 attorneys and staff..." I'm sure I stopped after "attorneys," 16 17 but the resolution does say, "attorneys and 18 staff." So actually, it was correct, it was just it was -- probably, I stopped a little bit 19 20 after "attorneys." So, anyway -- so are the votes in? 21 22 Six yes votes on that motion, Chairman Barclay, so we can now proceed. 23 24 Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of 2 business is a report from the Committee on 3 Strategic Planning and Service Delivery. 4 Director Irvine. 5 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Thank you, Chairman Barclay. 6 7 The Committee on Strategic Planning and 8 Service Delivery met earlier this morning via Zoom teleconference. The Committee approved the 9 May 12th, 2021, committee minutes. 10 The Committee also reviewed an 11 12 ordinance authorizing name changes for Bus Routes No. 146, Inner Drive/Michigan 13 Express, and No. 174, Outer Drive Express, 14 placed it on the omnibus, and recommended board 15 16 approval of the omnibus. 17 And that concludes my report, 18 Chairman Barclay. 19 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, 20 Director Irvine. 21 Our next order of business is a report 22 from the Committee on Finance, Audit and Budget. 23 Director Silva. 24 DIRECTOR SILVA: The Committee on Finance,

Audit and Budget met earlier this morning via Zoom video-teleconference. The Committee approved the December 15, 2021, committee minutes. The Committee review the finance report.

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The Committee also review four 6 ordinances: An ordinance authorizing a 7 co-promotional advertising trade agreement with 8 9 Bank of America for the 2022 Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle; an ordinance authorizing a 10 11 purchase and sale agreement with Sterling Racine, LLC, for the sale of Authority property 12 13 located at 120 North Racine Avenue, Chicago, 14 Illinois; an ordinance authorizing amendment to 15 a sublease between Sterling Racine, LLC, for the sale of Authority property located at 120 North 16 Racine, Chicago, Illinois; an ordinance 17 18 authorizing the purchase of underground storage tank insurance for Policy Year January 28, 2022, 19 20 through January 28, 2023.

The Committee also review fivecontracts.

The Committee approve all fourordinance and all five contracts, and placed

1	them on the omnibus and recommended for approval
2	of the omnibus.
3	That conclude my report,
4	Chairman Barclay.
5	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you,
6	Director Silva.
7	May I now have a motion to approve the
8	omnibus as stated by Directors Irvine and Silva.
9	DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.
10	DIRECTOR IRVINE: Second.
11	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by
12	Director Miller, seconded by Director Irvine.
13	A vote on the omnibus.
14	Director Miller.
15	DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.
16	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.
17	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.
18	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.
19	DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.
20	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.
21	DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.
22	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
23	VICE CHAIRPERSON JAKES: Yes.
24	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.

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CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes. SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved with six yes votes.

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And before we proceed, let me just say that I know at least one member of the board might have a time crunch. And since we've now taken the last vote on any matter, if that board member does have to leave before the end of the meeting, please go right ahead because we will have the votes to adjourn because there are no further votes.

So with that, Chairman Barclay, you may proceed.

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you.

Our next order of business is the construction report.

Bill Mooney.

BILL MOONEY: Good morning again. I'm Bill Mooney, your chief infrastructure officer, with your monthly construction update.

We'll begin where we normally do, our Jefferson Park to O'Hare Signals Project. The project remains tight to schedule and on budget. Since we last met, we completed the cutover of

station. This is the last of kind of the diamond special work that we have that we call "emergency crossovers." And we've moved towards the two kind of large-scale implementations of the project, the next one being O'Hare, which will be beginning in the upcoming month. If we can move to the photos. So last month, I mentioned as part of the O'Hare cutover, we actually are installing a temporary signal system that we'll operate under for about 120 days while we're in the process of installing and commissioning the new signal systems. So here's a photo of the new temporary signal system up there that's currently in the

River Road crossover just south of Rosemont

commissioning process and getting ready to be put in service later this month.

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And, again, here is kind of some examples of that work going on with the temporary signal system, an employee in the process of testing it and some of the wayside apparatuses associated with this type of
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And one of the items we continue to work on, as we've commissioned all these relay houses and diamond interlockings along the way, we have to go back and complete kind of work list items.

So one of those items is the commissioning of the fire retention systems. As these are high-driven computer systems, they actually have dry fire chem systems, and they require kind of a special commissioning process that goes with those.

So here's an example of one at Central relay house, which is near Jefferson Park.

Next slide, please.

My next project is Refresh & Renew, and I'm very excited to announce that we've completed the goal of all 35 stations by end of year. It was a really daunting program, to go after almost double what we typically do in a year, but I can't say enough about the dedication of the trade workforce and the management team that were able to execute this.

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You know, separate from that, we continue the SBE painting program. As now we go into the winter months, it will be on hiatus for a few months, and we'll revisit this project in the spring with a new goal for 2022 to go after (indiscernible) stations and the completion of these SBE painting stations.

I'd also like to highlight that we've completed directional line diagram signage for the trains. So we've addressed that issue. That was outstanding for a while, and I'm really excited to have that resolved as well.

So if we could look at some of the photos.

So as we've talked kind of a couple times, you know, we took a step back, just the station itself, and looked at the customer experience as you approached the station.

So this is Cumberland as you approach from the parking garage and the bus terminal. So as you kind of approach the station frontage, we improved that frontage. Scraped it, cleaned it, and painted it, as well as improved the lighting.

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2 Next slide. Here is some of the work that's been 3 4 going on in the subway stations. These are really challenging stations. As I've talked 5 6 kind of with some of the track projects, lots of 7 water intrusion. So a lot of the work here was 8 cleaning up around the water intrusions. 9 sealing, and then ultimately, you know, increasing the lighting and touching those paint 10 11 points and those high-touch points. 12 Next slide. Here's another example at Clinton, kind 13 14 of that crest and crown and some of those 15 clean-up lines, and how much a difference, really, that kind of touch-point improvement 16 17 does. Next slide, please. 18 19 This is 63rd and Ashland. So you can 20 kind of see -- I would call it kind of the 21 ceiling. They got up on the ceiling of the 22 station itself, scraped off the ceiling, cleaned up those lines, painted and improved the 23 24 lighting here as well as, you know, some of the

other high-touch points. This is one of the SBE 1 2 contract points. Next slide. 3 4 And then here's another example at 5 Halsted. This would be the auxiliary exit. SO not just only the prime focal points at the 6 7 entrance of the stations or the platforms, but also kind of those other street level access 8 9 points that we do have. 10 Next slide, please. 11 Here's, again, another example of that 12 SBE painting at street level. 13 My next projects are Jackson Park Track 14 and Structures Project. The project moves 15 forward on budget, on schedule. We've moved into what we call 61st interlocking, which is 16 17 just south of kind of Garfield -- between 18 Garfield and King Drive on the branch, and it 19 facilitates movement in and out of a couple rail 20 vards there. It's a little key piece of 21 infrastructure, and as such, it's a little more 22 complicated to do tie renewal there, and we've 23 continued forward with the structural work. 24 So if we can move on to some of the

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Here's some examples of that tie replacement and the interlocking proper. You can see kind of with all that special work that sits on top of it, the rail and those switch points, how much more complicated it is to get those ties in and out.

And here's an example of some of the work they're doing using equipment. We're directly adjacent to a yard there, so we'll be able to use some of our rail-borne equipment even around train service area to help move some of that stuff around.

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And then, you know, over the series of -- the next couple months, we're moving towards a series of kind of track access occurrences to facilitate major structure renewal on the Jackson Park branch.

And these are actually what we call cross girders. So it's perpendicular beams that the parallel beams connect to, ultimately the columns are attached to. And they're actually over the street. So to be able to do this work,

we actually have to go in under weekend line 1 2 cuts, completely disassemble them, rehab them, and then put them back together and open up the 3 4 street within 54 hours. And so this is a really tedious work 5 window at times, not having the ability to kind 6 7 of walk away for the weather. You know, this 8 last weekend, they were doing some work out there and had to work straight through cold and 9 10 sleet and other such things. 11 But here is some of that work going on. You can see kind of how disruptive it is at 12 street level. We do get a closure of 63rd 13 14 Street as well as kind of a line cut -- (Audio 15 disruption.) 16 Next slide, please. 17 This is our South Shops Waste Material 18 Storage and Sewer Upgrade. The project is complete at this point with the last piece being 19 20 the waste material storage building. 21 And this will be the last month I'll be 22 reporting on it, so we can move to some photos 23 of that building itself so I can show you kind of the progress. 24

So this is the interior lighting that
 was installed for it.
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 Here is ultimately the fencing that

goes kind of above those concrete walls that were constructed, and then kind of the finished facade edge of the roof.

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And then the last slide gives you a sense of what the whole thing looks like all put together with its signage. Kind of an important aspect to support the facilities out there.

12 And with that, I'll pause for a second. 13 J.P., I don't know if you want to talk 14 a little bit about the DBE participation. 15 Thanks, Bill. JUANPABLO PRIETO: We did set a 25 percent on its work 16 17 order. The contractor committed to 28.6 18 percent. They're currently above their 19 commitment and we're confident that they will 20 meet their commitment through final payment. 21 Thanks, Bill. 22 Does that conclude your SECRETARY LONGHINI: 23 presentation, Bill?

MR. MOONEY: No, Greg, I have a couple more

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So my next projects are Dan Ryan inverters. As I mentioned last month, we're moving into the commissioning phase, and we're just finishing up at 23rd Street.

So here we go with a couple of photos. Similar to what you've seen over the last couple of months, we fly in kind of an independent structural platform that gets attached to these relay houses to provide for the isolation. Here, you can see kind of that equipment attached to it and being put in place.

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Here is kind of that process of attaching it to the platform and then wiring up all that equipment at 23rd, which is the last of the relay houses we're working at.

And over this next month, we actually are commissioning all these systems to put into service. So next month will be kind of the last time we talk about this project as well.

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This is Irving Park Station Escalatorand Canopy Replacement Project. And we've been

working forward. Really got advantaged with some great weather in December to complete the top level canopy painting and get it prepped for the new canopy itself, as well as we're moving forward in the next couple weeks to close the Irving Park entrance there to start demolition and installation of the new escalator on the Irving Park side of the station, which is kind of a key point of the project.

A couple of photos for you here of that 11 work.

So here is the priming and painting. You've seen a couple of these over the last But, again, with the weather in December month. being so great, we were able to get kind of all that resolved out, so we'll be moving into the canopy installation in early February.

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19 And my last project today is our 20 non-revenue rail vehicle facility shop. We've 21 moved forward kind of with the preparatory 22 ground earthwork for the bigger work that comes. 23 So here's a couple slides on this. 24 Here, we're doing soil borings to find

1 out kind of the compaction rates of the soil as 2 they finalize the structural design and get that 3 through approvals. And here's another example of the soil 4 5 boring on site. This also allows them to get a 6 sense of kind of what's in the ground itself --7 next slide, please -- so they can plan for the 8 appropriate use of the earth as they remove it. And with that, I'll be glad to take any 9 questions. 10 11 Thank you. Bill. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 12 Chairman Barclay. 13 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: I'm sorry, no 14 questions. 15 Okay. Thank you. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 16 Chairman. 17 Director Jakes. 18 VICE CHAIRPERSON JAKES: No questions. 19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller. 20 Director Miller might have stepped away 21 because he did have to do something. I don't 22 see him on the screen. 23 So Director Ortiz. 24 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: I don't have any questions.

I do have comments. I'm glad to see the DBE participation and encouragement on these projects. And I'm glad the weather in December was well and we were able to advance a lot of the work. т'm sure that was really helpful throughout this winter season. Thank you. Thank vou. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine. DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions. Just, you know, kudos to you and your team for all the great work, and thank you for getting that directional line diagram project finished this past year. So awesome. Thank you. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva. DIRECTOR SILVA: No questions. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank vou. Chairman Barclay, we're finished with any questions for Bill Mooney. For our next order of CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: business. we will call on Chris and JuanPablo Prieto to make the RPM and diversity

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MR. BUSHELL: Thank you, Chairman.

Welcome, Directors, President, General Counsel, and a special welcome to new Director Ortiz. I'm Chris Bushell, your chief RPM officer.

The RPM project continues tight to schedule and on budget. Primary activities since we've last reported have mostly to do with the bypass. We've been very busy in the area of the Belmont station, just to the north of the Belmont station, installing various pieces of elevated track work.

14 we've also made good use of the weather over the course of the winter so far. We've 15 16 been able to install miscellaneous pieces of 17 track work that ultimately helped put the trains 18 onto the east side of the tracks. There's four 19 tracks in that area. We have put in track work 20 that sort of shifts those trains over to the 21 east side so that we can start to do demolition 22 of the west side.

As many of you know, we've successfully
completed the bypass, which is the bridge over,

and now we're starting to work on the existing 1 2 tracks under. 3 Likewise on the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr 4 segment, we've continued to advance demolition. 5 we're really complete with demolition on the 6 west side of the tracks. 7 We have started as well the 8 installation of the new bridge. You'll see some photos of the segmental box girder and the 9 10 various segments progressing there. 11 So if we could go to the next slides. 12 So cut-and-throw work. What does it It's really just elevated track work. 13 mean? You saw some pictures of Bill's crew doing it. 14 15 Up here, we're really just rearranging 16 the tracks, if you will, in this area 17 temporarily so that we can begin work on one 18 side, or more accurately, that we can put trains 19 on one side of the four tracks -- on two of the 20 four tracks, and then we can start working on 21 the two that aren't running trains. So the cut-and-throws are a piece of 22 23 track work that enable us to do that. 24 Next, please.

Micropile foundations, the installation of various micropile foundations to support the future track work that we'll be installing in order to support temporary construction of track work in the RPP area. This is really just a deep foundation that's drilled into the ground. There's a series of micropiles that are put in rather than a caisson. They're sort of smaller foundations that are ultimately kind of grouped together right at the top with a cap, and then we put a structure on them. They tend to go down roughly 80 feet to either -- typically to bedrock or just before bedrock.

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A picture of the demolition near Lawrence. You know, you can see an older piece of structure that was ultimately buried in this embankment in the '80s or '90s. We're obviously uncovering it, removing it, and installing an entirely new structure through this area. So this is just a picture of the demolition of that.

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Columns in the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr

So as I mentioned, we're installing this area. new type of bridge. It's a segmental box girder Not commonly done in the state of bridae. Illinois in any case, but commonly used for transit across the world. This type of bridge enables us to have sort of longer spans than we would ordinarily have with the older steel structure, and it was a more efficient and less impactful way to build. So we are in the process of installing the segmental box girder 11 on various of these column caps in the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr area.

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If we can go to the next slide.

14 This is some temporary work kind of at 15 the north end of the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr It's funny, when we say, "temp work," seament. 17 you know, it looks probably to the world like permanent, but it really is -- this piece of 18 19 steel will not be there. It actually was more 20 efficient to build this temporary bridge than to 21 bring a very large crane in there because of some of the site constraints.

23 So that bridge enables us to begin to 24 feed the segmental box girder concrete segments

3	Street up in the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr area.
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5	And despite the weather it's been
6	good. But regardless, we've continued and
7	despite COVID to do an online or virtual
8	outreach process. That includes weekly meetings
9	with both the 44th and the 48th Wards, reaching
10	out and informing them of upcoming construction,
11	looking for opportunities to work with the
12	businesses and the project footprint in order to
13	minimize impact not only of our project but also
14	to support those businesses in light of the
15	significant impacts they've seen due to COVID.
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17	thing, we've worked with Uptown United on an
18	event in the area of Wilson, again, promoting
19	the project, informing the people of the various
20	impacts that they've seen.
21	we recently had a virtual meeting in
22	regard to some work we're doing in the
23	Red/Purple Modernization area, some upcoming
24	demolition with Roscoe and Newport neighbors, as
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to the loading gantry, which is positioned to

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well as some of the folks that live to the north and to the east of them. That was very successful. And, again, we continue, despite the pandemic, to do lots of virtual meetings and outreach.

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Noting all that, I'd like to turn it over to JuanPablo to talk about some of our extensive workforce SBE/DBE efforts.

JUANPABLO PRIETO: Thank you, Chris.

Good morning again, Mr. Directors. JuanPablo Prieto, director of Diversity Programs.

The diversity program team continues to meet monthly with the contractor to discuss DBE and workforce outreach and compliance. These meetings serve as a great tool to assure all of our units are aligned as we conduct separate meetings throughout the month related to individual trade packages and workforce opportunities.

21 We also meet regularly with our 22 workforce partners, the Chicago Workforce 23 Partnership and HIRE360, and the contractor to 24 coordinate opportunities and recruitment and

training efforts.

As of December 31st, 2021, 71 unique DBEs have been awarded over \$198,000 on the design-build contract. Twenty-five of those DBE firms are new to CTA. The design-build contract has also produced over 609,000 labor hours, and the over 1300 individuals that have worked on the project have earned over \$34 million.

We are proud of our efforts and attainment to date, but we continue to strive to achieve more. We will also continue to host outreach events and to present opportunities to the community.

That concludes my portion of the report. Happy to answer any questions. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you.

And, Chris, you're finished as well?
MR. BUSHELL: I am. Thank you.

L9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: And then for Chris and 20 JuanPablo, Chairman Barclay.

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: No questions.
 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.

VICE CHAIRPERSON JAKES: No questions.

Great job, guys.

1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz. 2 No questions. DIRECTOR ORTIZ: 3 Director Irvine. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 4 No questions. DIRECTOR IRVINE: 5 Great work. Thank you. 6 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva. 7 No questions. DIRECTOR SILVA: 8 Great job. SECRETARY LONGHINI: All right. 9 We're finished with questions for the construction 10 11 report from Chris and J.P., Chairman Barclay. 12 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank vou. 13 Our next order of business is new 14 business. 15 Any new business? SECRETARY LONGHINI: No, sir, there is none. 16 17 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Since there is no 18 further business to come before the Board, may I have a motion to adjourn the Chicago Transit 19 20 Board meeting of January 12th, 2022? 21 **DIRECTOR MILLER:** So moved. 22 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Second. 23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thanks for jumping right in there, Director Jakes. 24

1	This was moved by Director Jakes and
2	seconded by Director Irvine.
3	Director Ortiz.
4	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.
5	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.
6	DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.
7	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.
8	DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.
9	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
10	VICE CHAIRPERSON JAKES: Yes.
11	And, Chairman Barclay, thank you for
12	the lovely Christmas gift. It added to my
13	substantial weight loss. Thank you.
14	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: I second that.
15	DIRECTOR IRVINE: I third that.
16	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Better you than me.
17	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay?
18	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.
19	SECRETARY LONGHINI: The motion to adjourn is
20	passed with five yes votes. So we're adjourned.
21	(Which were all the proceedings
22	had in the above-titled cause.)
23	(Meeting adjourned at
24	11:14 a.m.)
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