

April 10, 2024. Chicago Transit Board Regular Meeting Minutes.

Noticed for 10:00 a.m. Commenced at 10:25 a.m.

AGENDA: The posted agenda for the meeting is available at www.transitchicago.com, "Chicago Transit Board", "Meeting Notices, Agendas, and Minutes", (04/10/2024) (Regular Board Meeting), "Agenda".

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lester Barclay at 10:25 a.m.

There was a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL: Directors: Lester L. Barclay (Chairman), Neema Jha, Michele Lee, Johnny Miller and Rosa Ortiz were in person.

Director Rosa Ortiz stood, and the Chair recognized her. She moved that Director Jakes be permitted to attend the meeting remotely in as he is absent due to an injury. The motion was seconded by Director Jha. There was a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA: Chairman Barclay asked for a motion to modify the meeting agenda to table the construction report to the May meeting.

Director Neema Jha moved that the agenda be modified to table the construction report. Director Rosa Ortiz seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairman Barclay then advanced the agenda to Public Comments. There were two public comments made by Isaac Campbell and Carsten Lohan.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Carter presented his report:

- President Dorval Carter reported on some state legislative updates that concern the CTA:
 - He met with legislators in Springfield, Illinois about the current status of CTA's operations and about the looming fiscal cliff that the CTA is facing. He stated that the conversations were very productive.
 - He had a one-on-one meeting with Speaker Welch who was attentive and understood

- and wants to engage on how we solve that problem as we go forward.
- He is very encouraged by the overall receptiveness of the legislature to recognize the fact that there are problems here that the CTA cannot solve by itself and that we need a broader holistic solution to what the funding opportunities are.
 - He also participated in a hearing of the Public Safety Committee along with our sister agencies: METRA, PACE, RTA and other transportation organizations such as IDOT and the Tollway Authority. They discussed our current budget, ongoing program activities and the looming fiscal cliff that is going to impact the entire region.
 - On the Federal level he has traveled to Washington, DC a couple of times since our last meeting to talk to federal regulators and our funding partners about the red line extension and the need to continue to move the project forward.
 - He met with FYA acting administrator Veronica Vanterpool, who was very upbeat about our project and the timeline for getting the full funding grant agreement to the federal funding commitment for that project. We are looking to put that agreement in place by the end of the year.
 - The Redline Extension project is a very important project to CTA and to the City of Chicago and to President Carter personally. The federal administrators were very clear that they view us as a top priority and that they are putting their full resources in support of helping us move forward.
 - Finally, President Carter reported that he attended a broader legislative committee meeting for the FTA, for which he served as the immediate past chair of that organization, and had an opportunity to lead a number of discussions around the future of bus manufacturing in our industry and the challenges that all transit authorities are facing around the ability to buy electric or zero-emission buses because of the complete lack of manufacturers that have them and the number that left the industry over the past year or two.
 - There is an industry-wide understanding of what we need to do to bring the industry back, to increase capacity and he is optimistic that we are going to be able to find solutions that will help both keep the manufacturer we have here in place as well as start to bring in other manufacturers in the future to be here for electric buses as we

go forward.

- Chairman Barclay made a statement in response to the President's report and there was a question from Board member Miller.

MINUTES: Chairman Barclay asked for a motion to approve the regular Board meeting minutes from March 13, 2024. After being moved by Director Jha and seconded by Director Ortiz, the minutes were approved with six (6) votes in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CTA's General Counsel Kent Ray explained that there would be no Executive Session for this meeting.

BOARD MATTERS: Chairman Barclay asked whether there were any Board Matters. Secretary Greenlee advised that there was a resolution of appreciation to Reverend Johnny L Miller which Secretary Greenlee then read into the record in its entirety.

Director Ortiz moved that the Board adopt the resolution and the motion was seconded by Director Jha. The motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

Chairman Barclay and President Carter both gave words of thanks and gratitude to Director Miller for his years of service and dedication to the CTA Transit Board. Chairman Barclay presented Director Miller with a plaque in appreciation for his years of service. Each one of the Board members followed thanking Rev. Miller for his years of service and wishing him well in his future endeavors.

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES: Rev. Johnny L. Miller then gave the report for the Committee on Human Resources. The committee met earlier and approved the minutes of the May 10, 2023, committee meeting.

The committee then received a presentation about the CTA Second Chance Program which was made by CTA Vice President Geisha Ester. The committee discussed the presentation and asked questions for clarification after which the meeting was adjourned.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, AUDIT AND BUDGET: The Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee interim chair Director Jakes presented the report. The committee reviewed the monthly Finance report and approved the March 13, 2024, FAB committee minutes. Director Jakes stated that all Committee agenda items, listed on the Board agenda, were presented, reviewed, discussed, and recommended by the Committee, for Board approval. Director Jakes stated that all the approved committee items, 5 ordinances and 7 contracts, were placed on the omnibus for approval by the Board. Director Jakes concluded his report.

Chairman Barclay asked for a motion to approve the omnibus as stated by Director Jakes.

After being moved by Director Jha and seconded by Director Ortiz, the motion was approved with six yes votes.

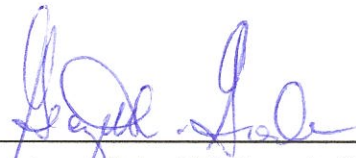
All approved April 10, 2024, Board ordinances are available online, at www.transitchicago.com, "Chicago Transit Board", "Board Ordinances", Ordinance numbers 024-47– 024-53, " Board Resolutions", Resolution Number R024-2.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT: There was no Construction Report made.

NEW BUSINESS: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chairman Barclay asked for a motion to adjourn the April 10, 2024, Chicago Transit Board meeting. After being moved by Director Jha and seconded by Director Ortiz, the motion was approved with six (6) yes votes and the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

APPROVED: _____



Secretary of the CTA Board of Directors

Date: _____

