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2 CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
3 MARCH 2023 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND SERVICE DELIVERY
4 BOARD MEETING

5
6 Held via videoconference

7 on

8 March 8th, 2023

9 at

10 9:33 a.m.

11 at

12 567 West Lake Street, 2nd Floor,
13 Chicago, Illinois 60661

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16 STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS via
17 videoconference had in the above-entitled cause
18 held at the Chicago Transit Authority Headquarters,
19 567 West Lake Street, 2nd Floor, Chicago, Illinois,
20 Johnny L. Miller, presiding.

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23 REPORTED BY: Margaret E. Mecklenborg, CSR

24 LICENSE NO.: 084-004495



1 BOARD MEMBERS:

2 MR. LESTER L. BARCLAY, Director;

3 DR. L. BERNARD JAKES, Director;

4 MS. NEEMA JHA, Director;

5 MS. MICHELE A. LEE, Director;

6 REV. JOHNNY L. MILLER, Chairman;

7 MR. DORVAL R. CARTER, JR., President;

8 MR. KENT S. RAY, General Counsel.

9 MS. GEORGETTE L. GREENLEE, Secretary.

10 ABSENT:

11 MS. ROSA ORTIZ, Director.

12 PRESENTERS:

13 MR. MICHAEL CONNELLY, Chief Planning Officer.

14 ALSO PRESENT:

15 MR. DONALD BONDS, Chief Transit Officer;

16 MR. MARC BUHMANN, Videographer;

17 MR. JAY CHAROENRATH, General Manager,
18 Bus Engineering and Heavy Maintenance
and Instruction;

19 MS. TAMMY CHASE, Director of Communications and
20 Media Relations;

21 MS. MICHELE CURRAN, Vice President,
Budget & Capital Finance;

22 MR. JEREMY FINE, Chief Financial Officer;

23 MR. ANDREW FULLER, Chief Internal Auditor;

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1 ALSO PRESENT:(Continued)

2 MS. CAROLINE GALLAGHER,
3 Chief Strategy, Data and Technology Officer;

4 MS. ELSA GUTIERREZ, Vice President, Planning;

5 MS. SONJA HARGROVE, General Manager,
6 Strategic and Business Operations;

7 MS. NORA LEERHSEN, Chief of Staff;

8 MS. ELLEN MCCORMACK, Vice President of
9 Purchasing and Supply Chain;

10 MR. THOMAS MCKONE,
11 Chief Administrative Officer;

12 MR. WILLIAM MOONEY,
13 Chief Infrastructure Officer;

14 MS. APRIL MORGAN,
15 Chief of Staff, Office of the Chairman;

16 MR. HERB NITZ,
17 Director, Technology Engineering;

18 MS. SANJA NOBLE,
19 Director of Treasury Operations;

20 MS. MOLLY POPPE, Chief Innovation Officer;

21 MR. JUANPABLO PRIETO,
22 Director, Diversity Programs;

23 MS. LISA SMITH,
24 Director of Budget;

MR. SAMUEL SMITH,
Vice President, Legislative Affairs;

MR. BRIAN STEELE,
Vice President of Communication and Marketing;

MS. NANCY-ELLEN ZUSMAN,
Chief Safety & Security Officer.



1 (whereupon the meeting
2 convened at 9:33 a.m.
3 as follows:)

4 SECRETARY GREENLEE: I'm Georgette Greenlee,
5 the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the
6 Chicago Transit Authority. The Committee on
7 Strategic Planning and Service Delivery scheduled
8 for 9:30 this morning will be followed by the
9 Committee on Finance, Audit and Budget and the
10 regular board meeting which is scheduled for
11 10:00 a.m. On February 28th, 2023, the Office of
12 the Secretary issued a notice of changed format of
13 meetings of Committees on Strategic Planning and
14 Service Delivery and Finance, Audit and Budget as
15 well as the Transit Board Meeting scheduled for
16 today, March 8th, 2023. Due to the Covid-19
17 pandemic, there is currently in place a statewide
18 disaster proclamation that has been renewed from
19 month to month. Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the
20 Illinois Open Meetings Act, virtual public meetings
21 are permitted while the disaster proclamation
22 remains in effect. Since the Governor's disaster
23 proclamation remains in effect in the state of
24 Illinois, the meetings of March 8th, 2023 are being



1 held electronically or virtually for members of the
2 public. At this point we are ready to start the
3 meeting of the Committee on Strategic Planning and
4 Service Delivery. Chairman Miller?

5 CHAIRMAN MILLER: I'd like to call to order the
6 March 8th, 2023 meeting of the Committee on
7 Strategic, Planning and Service Delivery.
8 Georgette, can you, please, call the roll?

9 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Yes. Director Lee?

10 DIRECTOR LEE: Present.

11 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

12 DIRECTOR JHA: Present.

13 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Miller?

14 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Here.

15 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Miller, you have
16 a quorum present with three members. Also present
17 today are Chairman Barclay and Director Jakes.

18 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Thank you. Our first order
19 of business is the approval of the
20 February the 8th, 2023 committee -- committee
21 minutes. May I have a motion to approve?

22 DIRECTOR JHA: So move.

23 DIRECTOR LEE: Second.

24 SECRETARY GREENLEE: The motion has been moved



1 by Director Jha. Seconded by Director Lee.

2 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Thank you.

3 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

4 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Our next --

5 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

6 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

7 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Lee?

8 DIRECTOR LEE: Yes.

9 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Miller?

10 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Yes.

11 SECRETARY GREENLEE: The motion is approved
12 with three yea votes.

13 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Thank you. Our next order of
14 business is a review of an ordinance authorizing
15 the discontinuance of bus route number X98 Avon
16 Express. Mike?

17 MR. CONNELLY: Good morning. I'm Mike
18 Connelly, your Chief Planning Officer.

19 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Good morning.

20 MR. CONNELLY: Staff are recommending approval
21 of an ordinance which would authorize the
22 discontinuance of the bus route number 98 Avon
23 Express. Civic Staffing gave notice early this
24 year that due to reduced workforce and resulting



1 low ridership they would end their subsidy of this
2 route and requested that CTA should consider
3 discontinuing the route. CTA has been operating
4 this route with the subsidy from Civic Staffing
5 since 2002. It is designed to meet the end of
6 shift time in the late evening hours on weekdays
7 providing a connection from the manufacturing plant
8 in Morton Grove to the Jefferson Park Transit
9 Center. A public hearing was held on this
10 discontinuance on February 22nd of this year to
11 allow for community comment and there were no
12 attendees. One comment was submitted
13 electronically requesting that the route be
14 continued. This comment has been shared with the
15 board in your packet. Thank you. I'll be glad to
16 answer any questions.

17 CHAIRMAN MILLER: I have no questions.

18 THE COURT: Do any of the Directors have any
19 questions about this ordinance?

20 DIRECTOR LEE: No questions.

21 DIRECTOR JHA: No questions.

22 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Is there a motion? Is
23 there a motion regarding this ordinance?

24 CHAIRMAN MILLER: well, put it on the --



1 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

2 CHAIRMAN MILLER: -- omnibus. May I have a --

3 SECRETARY GREENLEE: We have --

4 MR. RAY: At this point I think it would be
5 appropriate for a motion to place the item on the
6 omnibus for board approval.

7 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Right. Yes. Yeah. May
8 I -- yeah. May I have leave to place this item on
9 the omnibus for board approval?

10 DIRECTOR JHA: So moved.

11 DIRECTOR LEE: Second.

12 SECRETARY GREENLEE: May -- we also have to
13 approve the minutes from the February 8th meeting.
14 May we have a motion to approve the meeting -- the
15 minutes from the last meeting from the Committee
16 for Strategic Planning, Services and Delivery from
17 the meeting of February 8th, 2023?

18 DIRECTOR JHA: So move.

19 DIRECTOR LEE: Second.

20 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

21 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

22 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Lee?

23 DIRECTOR LEE: Yes.

24 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Miller?



1 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Yes.

2 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Since there is no further
3 business to be conducted --

4 CHAIRMAN MILLER: That's my --

5 SECRETARY GREENLEE: -- make --

6 CHAIRMAN MILLER: May I have a motion --

7 SECRETARY GREENLEE: No. Chairman Miller, we
8 need to address the issue of putting the ordinance
9 on the omnibus.

10 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Yes. May I have a motion to
11 approve the omnibus and recommend for board
12 approval?

13 DIRECTOR JHA: So move.

14 DIRECTOR LEE: Second.

15 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

16 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

17 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Lee?

18 DIRECTOR LEE: Yes.

19 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller? Chairman
20 Miller?

21 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Yes. Yes.

22 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Since there's no further
23 business to be conducted, may we have a motion to
24 adjourn?



1 DIRECTOR JHA: So move.
2 DIRECTOR LEE: Second.
3 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?
4 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.
5 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Lee?
6 DIRECTOR LEE: Yes.
7 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Miller?
8 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Yes.
9 THE COURT: The meeting of the Committee on
10 Strategic Planning and Service Delivery is now
11 adjourned. Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Thank you.

13 (whereupon, the meeting
14 adjourned at 9:40 a.m.)
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MARGARET E. MECKLENBORG, as an Officer of the Court, says that she is a Certified Shorthand Reporter doing business in the State of Illinois; that she reported in shorthand the proceedings of said meeting, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of her shorthand notes so taken as aforesaid, and contains the proceedings given at said meeting via videoconference.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I have hereunto set my verified digital signature this 9th day of March , 2023.

Margaret E. Mecklenborg

Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporter



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