

1 COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND SERVICE

2 DELIVERY

3
4 IN RE THE MATTER:)

5 REGULAR MEETING)

6 OF JANUARY 12TH, 2022)

7
8 Report of proceedings at the meeting of
9 the above-entitled cause, before GINA M.
10 SYLVESTER, Certified Shorthand Reporter and
11 Registered Professional Reporter, on
12 January 12th, 2022, at the hour of 9:30 a.m.,
13 via videoconference.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- LESTER BARCLAY, Chairperson
- KEVIN IRVINE, Vice Chairperson
- BERNARD JAKES
- JOHNNY MILLER
- ALEJANDRO SILVA

STAFF PRESENT:

- DORVAL R. CARTER, JR., President
- GREGORY LONGHINI, Secretary
- KAREN SEIMETZ, General Counsel
- CHRIS BUSHELL
- BILL MOONEY
- STEVE WOODS
- CAROLINE GALLAGHER
- JUANPABLO PRIETO
- ELLEN MCCORMACK



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

4 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Good morning. I'm
5 Greg Longhini, board secretary of the Chicago
6 Transit Board.

7 On January 7th, 2022, Governor
8 J.B. Pritzger issued the Disaster Proclamation
9 declaring counties in Illinois a disaster area.
10 Pursuant to the amendment to the Open Meetings
11 Act and the chairman's determination that it is
12 not prudent at this time to conduct an in-person
13 meeting, CTA will conduct its Wednesday board
14 meeting remotely without the requirement for
15 physical forum.

16 With that, we are ready to begin the
17 Committee on Strategic Planning and Service
18 Delivery.

19 Chairman Irvine.

20 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Good morning,
21 everyone. I'm right here. I pressed the wrong
22 key.

23 I would like to call to order the
24 January 12th, 2022, meeting of the Committee on



1 Strategic Planning and Service Delivery.

2 Greg, would you please call the roll.

3 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Of course.

4 Director Barclay.

5 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Present.

6 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.

7 DIRECTOR MILLER: Here.

8 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Irvine.

9 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: I'm here.

10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: All right. We have
11 quorum of the Committee with three members
12 present.

13 Let the record show --

14 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Thank you, Greg.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Hold on one second.

16 Let the record show that
17 General Counsel Karen Seimetz, Chief Financial
18 Officer Jeremy Fine, and myself are all at 567
19 West Lake Street in the headquarters building
20 and the other board members are also attending
21 this meeting.

22 All right, Kevin.

23 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Thanks, Greg.

24 Before we begin the meeting,



1 Board Chairman Lester Barclay would like to say
2 a few words.

3 Chairman Barclay.

4 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Thank you. Thank you,
5 Director Irvine.

6 And good morning, everyone.

7 Before we start the Strategic Planning
8 Committee meeting, I'd like to take a moment to
9 acknowledge and welcome a new member of our
10 board, Rosa Ortiz, who was appointed by
11 Governor Pritzger.

12 Director Ortiz is a certified planner
13 and LEED accredited professional. She's an
14 experienced and inclusive leader in the areas of
15 urban planning, architecture, and community
16 development.

17 Director Ortiz provides valuable
18 expertise in sustainable initiatives, racial
19 equality, and real estate development. She
20 offers over two decades of service in the
21 public, corporate, and not-for-profit sectors.

22 She previously served the City of
23 Chicago in the role of managing deputy
24 commissioner for the Department of Housing.



1 Prior to that, she led teams at Enterprise
2 Community Partners, Chicago Metropolitan Agency
3 for Planning, Hispanic Housing Development
4 Corporation, and Urban works.

5 Director Ortiz is an active member of
6 national collaborations through Elevated
7 Chicago. She's also a member of the American
8 Institute of Certified Planners, American
9 Planning Association, Arquitectos, Arquitina
10 organizations, and is a board member of the
11 Hispanic Housing Development Corporation.

12 On behalf of the Board, welcome, and we
13 look forward to working with you.

14 President Carter, would you like to say
15 a few words to welcome Director Ortiz?

16 PRESIDENT CARTER: Thank you, Chairman.

17 I also want to welcome Director Ortiz
18 to the CTA Board. I am blessed with one of the
19 best boards any CEO could have. And as a CEO, I
20 often recognize the benefits of having a board
21 that not only is supportive of what I try to do
22 as an agency, but also bring skills to the table
23 that allow us to make the product that we're
24 putting out even better than it would have been



1 without them.

2 And I believe Director Ortiz, based on
3 both her professional and public career, is
4 well-positioned to assume that mantle, and I
5 think she's a terrific addition to the Board.

6 I want to thank the governor and his
7 team for identifying such a capable person to
8 join our board, and I look forward to working
9 with her as we move the agenda forward for CTA.

10 Thank you.

11 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Thank you,
12 President Carter.

13 Director Ortiz, would you like to say a
14 few words?

15 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: I would. I just want to say
16 I am honored and humbled to be part of this
17 team. I have always respected the leadership at
18 hand. So it is an honor to be working with all
19 of you, both on the staff, the leadership, and
20 the Board. And I am eager and excited to serve
21 our City of Chicago and our suburbs through this
22 work and be able to really improve the lives of
23 all of the residents of the City.

24 So thank you for the opportunity. I



1 look forward to learning and serving with you.

2 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Thank you.

3 I'll now turn it back to
4 Director Irvine to commence the Strategic
5 Planning Committee meeting.

6 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Thank you,
7 Chairman Barclay.

8 And, Director Ortiz, you know, I
9 appreciate the chance to chat with you this
10 week. I think you're going to be a terrific
11 addition to the Board. It's great to have an
12 urban planner on our team. And you've got some
13 terrific experience, I think, that's making you
14 extremely well-suited for this position.

15 So welcome aboard, and I'm looking
16 forward to working with you.

17 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Thank you.

18 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: So our next order
19 of business -- well, our first order of business
20 today is the approval of the May 2021 Committee
21 minutes.

22 We need a motion to approve.

23 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

24 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: I second.



1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by
2 Director Miller, seconded by Director Irvine.

3 I'll take a roll call vote on the
4 minutes.

5 Director Barclay.

6 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yes.

7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.

8 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Irvine.

10 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Yes.

11 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved
12 with three yes votes.

13 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Thank you.

14 Our next order of business is a review
15 of an ordinance authorizing an additional
16 experiment for Bus Route No. 31, 31st Street.

17 Mike Connelly.

18 MICHAEL CONNELLY: Good morning.

19 Mike Connelly, your chief planning officer.

20 This ordinance is actually an ordinance
21 authorizing name changes for Bus Routes 146 and
22 147. Before you today is an ordinance which
23 would authorize the renaming of two bus routes,
24 the No. 146 and the 147.



1 As you know, the City of Chicago has
2 renamed Lake Shore Drive to honor Jean Baptiste
3 Point DuSable. The renaming of Bus Route 147
4 will bring that route name in line with the
5 renamed street on which it operates. The
6 renaming of Bus Route 146 will bring the name of
7 that route, which operates on the inner Lake
8 Shore Drive, into a parallel naming convention
9 with the No. 147. This renaming will assist our
10 customers with logic and way-finding and will
11 help our riders understand the streets where
12 these routes operate.

13 Thank you. I'm glad to answer any
14 questions that you may have.

15 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Thank you, Mike.

16 I don't have any questions at this
17 time. Thank you.

18 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

19 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: I think I may have
20 the wrong script.

21 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes. I'll address that
22 in a minute.

23 Any questions from Director Miller?

24 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.



1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Any questions from
2 Director Barclay?

3 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: No questions.

4 SECRETARY LONGHINI: All right. We can move
5 on. There's no further questions on this one,
6 Director Irvine.

7 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Greg, just to
8 confirm, there's no further business, correct?

9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Not -- yes. Well,
10 there's no further questions on this item, but
11 we need a motion to put this on the omnibus.

12 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: May I now have a
13 motion to place this item on the omnibus for
14 approval?

15 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

16 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Second.

17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Okay. Director Irvine,
18 I just noticed that I made a mistake here. I,
19 unfortunately, have last May's agenda on here.

20 So the two that are coming up next are
21 not correct on your script, so we need to ask
22 Mike to explain what the next ordinance is. I'm
23 very sorry about that, sir.

24 Mike, which is the next ordinance that



1 you're going to be covering here? Is there
2 another one?

3 MICHAEL CONNELLY: No, that's it. Just the
4 one ordinance. Yeah, just the one ordinance is
5 all.

6 SECRETARY LONGHINI: I'm very, very sorry.

7 MICHAEL CONNELLY: That's okay.

8 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Okay, Kevin. We just
9 need a --

10 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: And since there is
11 no further business to come before the
12 Committee, may I have a motion to recommend
13 board approval of the omnibus?

14 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

15 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: And I second.

16 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Let me take a vote on
17 that motion.

18 Director Barclay.

19 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yes.

20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.

21 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Irvine.

23 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Yes.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: All right. That motion



1 is approved.

2 And, again, I apologize for your script
3 which included incorrect notice. Thank you.

4 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: No worries at all.

5 And finally, a motion to adjourn.

6 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

7 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: And I second.

8 SECRETARY LONGHINI: All right.

9 Director Barclay.

10 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yes.

11 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.

12 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Irvine.

14 VICE CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Yes.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved
16 with three yes votes, and so we're finished with
17 Strategic Planning.

18 (which were all the proceedings
19 had in the above-titled cause.)

20 (Meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.)



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I, GINA M. SYLVESTER, being first duly sworn, on oath says that she is a court reporter doing business in the City of Chicago; and 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.



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