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CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
MEETING of the
CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD
Held on
July 15, 2020
Via Webex Teleconference
10:22 o'clock a.m.

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PRESIDENT: DORVAL CARTER
CHAIRMAN: MR. TERRY PETERSON
SECRETARY: MR. GREG LONGHINI
GEN. COUNSEL: MS. KAREN SEIMETZ

BOARD MEMBERS:

MS. ARABEL ALVA ROSALES
JUDGE GLORIA CHEVERE
MR. KEVIN IRVINE
REV. DR. L. BERNARD JAKES
REV. JOHNNY L. MILLER
MR. KEVIN IRVINE
MR. ALEJANDRO SILVA

1 (Call to order.)

2 MR. LONGHINI: Good morning. This is Greg
3 Longhini again. Let me get my papers organized.

4 Chairman Peterson, we can begin the Board
00:00:11 5 meeting, I believe.

6 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: All right, Greg.

7 I would like to call to order the
8 regularly scheduled meeting of the Chicago Transit
9 Board for July 15, 2020.

00:00:20 10 Will the secretary call the roll.

11 MR. LONGHINI: I'd be happy to.

12 Director Alva Rosales?

13 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Present.

14 MR. LONGHINI: Director Silva?

15 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes. Present.

16 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

17 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Present.

18 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

19 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Present.

20 MR. LONGHINI: Director Chevere?

21 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: Present.

22 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

23 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Right here.

24 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

1 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Present.

2 MR. LONGHINI: We have a full quorum of all
3 seven members of the Board present. And let the
4 record show President Dorval Carter and General
00:00:51 5 Council Karen Seimetz are also participating in
6 the meeting.

7 Excuse me. Let me say one other thing
8 too, Chairman, also that Karen and I are currently
9 in the headquarters building, which is required
00:01:05 10 under the Open Meetings Act.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thank you.

13 The first order of business is public
14 comment.

00:01:11 15 Greg?

16 MR. LONGHINI: No, sir. There are none this
17 month.

18 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thanks, Greg.

19 The next order of business is the
00:01:14 20 approval of the June 10th, 2020, Board minutes.
21 The minutes were previously distributed.

22 I will now entertain a motion to approve
23 the minutes of the regular Board meeting of
24 June 10, 2020.

1 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.
2 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Second.
3 MR. LONGHINI: Moved and seconded for the
4 minutes.

5 Director Alva Rosales?

6 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

7 MR. LONGHINI: Director Silva?

8 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

9 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

10 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Yes.

11 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

12 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Yes.

13 MR. LONGHINI: Director Chevere?

14 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: Yes.

15 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

16 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

17 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

18 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes.

19 MR. LONGHINI: The minutes are approved with
00:01:59 20 seven yes votes, sir.

21 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thanks, Greg.

22 Our next order of business is executive
23 session. It is my understanding that we're having
24 executive session today.

1 MS. SEIMETZ: Karen Seimetz, General Counsel.

2 Yes, Chairman, we will have executive
3 session pursuant to Section 2, Paragraph C,
4 Subparagraph 6 and 11 of the Open Meetings Act.

00:02:23

5 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thanks, Karen.

6 I will now entertain a motion to recess
7 into executive session for the reasons stated by
8 Counsel.

9 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.

00:02:34

10 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Second.

11 MR. LONGHINI: The motion has been moved and
12 seconded. I will now take a vote.

13 Director Alva Rosales?

14 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

15 MR. LONGHINI: Director Silva?

16 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

17 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

18 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Yes.

19 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

20 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Yes.

21 MR. LONGHINI: Director Chevere?

22 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: Yes.

23 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

24 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

1 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

2 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes.

3 MR. LONGHINI: That motion passes with seven
4 yes votes.

00:03:00 5 So we are now in recess. So we'll just
6 take a few seconds here, and then executive
7 session will begin.

8 (Executive session recess.)

9 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson, we are ready
00:22:03 10 to continue the meeting in open session.

11 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: I will now entertain a
12 motion to return to open session.

13 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.

14 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Second.

00:22:14 15 MR. LONGHINI: That motion has been moved and
16 seconded.

17 Director Alva Rosales?

18 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

19 MR. LONGHINI: Director Silva?

20 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

21 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

22 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Yes.

23 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

24 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Yes.

1 MR. LONGHINI: Director Chevere?

2 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: Yes.

3 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

4 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

5 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

6 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes.

7 MR. LONGHINI: That motion has been approved
8 with seven yes votes.

9 We are back in session, Chairman.

00:22:46 10 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thanks, Greg.

11 The next order of business is Board Item
12 No. 4A.

13 Karen.

14 MS. SEIMETZ: Karen Seimetz, General Counsel.

00:22:51 15 Agenda Item 4A is the recommendation of
16 Infrastructure and the Law Department for the
17 Board to approve the acquisition of a property at
18 2019 West North Avenue, which is owned by
19 2100 North Corp, Inc. It is 900 feet of
00:23:09 20 unimproved land adjacent to a CTA parking lot, and
21 it is needed for a new substation adjacent to the
22 Damen Blue Line, which is part of the rebuild
23 known as the Your New Blue Project. It is
24 recommended to be acquired.

1 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thank you, Karen.

2 I will now entertain a motion to approve
3 an ordinance designating for acquisition property
4 located at 2019 West North Avenue, Chicago,
5 Illinois, for a substation for a Your New Blue
6 project.

00:23:37

7 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.

8 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Second.

9 MR. LONGHINI: Moved and seconded.

10 Director Alva Rosales?

11 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

12 MR. LONGHINI: Director Silva?

13 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

14 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

15 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Yes.

16 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

17 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Yes.

18 MR. LONGHINI: Director Chevere?

19 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: Yes.

20 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

21 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

22 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

23 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes.

24 MR. LONGHINI: That motion is approved with

1 seven yes votes, sir.

2 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thank you, Greg.

3 Our next order of business is Board Item
4 No. 4B.

00:24:14 5 Karen.

6 MS. SEIMETZ: Thank you, Chairman.

7 Item 4B is a recommendation of the
8 Infrastructure and Law Departments to acquire two
9 vacant unimproved parcels located immediately
00:24:26 10 adjacent to CTA's West Shops. One property is
11 located at 260 North Harding and is owned by
12 Austin Bank of Chicago Trust No. 7547, and the
13 other property is 3940 West Maypole, owned by
14 REO Distribution, LLC.

00:24:47 15 Acquisition will allow these properties
16 to have a more usable and contiguous land space
17 for the current and future needs of West Shops, as
18 well as allow for greater security of the West
19 Shops facilities. For these reasons, purchase is
00:25:05 20 recommended for imminent domain.

21 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thanks, Karen.

22 I will now entertain a motion to approve
23 an ordinance designating for acquisition property
24 located at 260 North Harding and 3940 West Maypole

1 Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, adjacent to the
2 Authority's West Shops facility.

3 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.

4 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Second.

00:25:30

5 MR. LONGHINI: Moved and seconded; take a roll
6 call vote.

7 Director Alva Rosales?

8 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

9 MR. LONGHINI: Director Silva?

10 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

11 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

12 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Yes.

13 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

14 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Yes.

15 MR. LONGHINI: Director Chevere?

16 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: Yes.

17 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

18 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

19 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

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20 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes.

21 MR. LONGHINI: That motion is approved with
22 seven yes votes.

23 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thanks, Greg.

24 Our next order of business is Board

1 Agenda Item No. 5. Chief Safety and Security
2 Officer Ron Ester will make the presentation.

3 Ron.

4 MR. ESTER: Thank you. Good morning. Ronald
00:26:10 5 Ester, Chief Safety and Security Officer.

6 This ordinance is to amend the Passenger
7 Code of Conduct to address the COVID-19 pandemic
8 by requiring facial coverings on CTA property in
9 line with the requirements in the Governor's
00:26:24 10 Executive Order and the order of the Commissioner
11 of Health for the City of Chicago. This
12 requirement would apply not just on CTA vehicles
13 but on all CTA property, whether indoors or
14 outdoor, and would require individuals over the
00:26:41 15 age of 2 who are able to medically tolerate facial
16 coverings over mouths and noses wear such
17 coverings at all times while on CTA property. The
18 requirement will be repealed automatically once
19 both the State and City repeal their requirements.

00:27:00 20 Staff recommends approval to the changes
21 to the Rule of Conduct to require facial coverings
22 on CTA property.

23 I'll be happy to take any questions.

24 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Any questions for Ron?

1 DIRECTOR SILVA: Who is going to supervise
2 that they do it?

3 MR. ESTER: As far as the enforcement, it's
4 really through messaging and education. It's to
00:27:26 5 alert our riding public, or the customers, as to
6 how to have a healthy, safe public transit travel.

7 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Any additional questions?

8 DIRECTOR IRVINE: I'm just curious how this
9 may -- if a passenger tries to board a bus and
00:27:53 10 they're not wearing a face covering, and they say
11 they can't wear one for medical reasons, there
12 will be no conflict? It will just be like saying
13 giving the benefit of the doubt? Or how would
14 that be handled?

00:28:09 15 PRESIDENT CARTER: Director Irvine, it's not
16 our intention to become the mask police or have
17 our employees become the mask police. If someone
18 informs us that they can't wear it because of
19 medical reasons, we're not going to ask for proof
00:28:21 20 of medical documentation or anything like that.

21 Ultimately what we're trying to do is
22 obviously reinforce the messaging that we're doing
23 to all of our customers that wearing a mask is
24 important not only for their safety but for the

1 safety of our fellow customers and employees.

2 And I will be adding this to our Code of
3 Conduct, intended to amplify that message even
4 more. I think that, as is the case with all
00:28:45 5 public agencies, we hope that through education
6 and through messaging our customers will abide by
7 our Code of Conduct and comply with our
8 requirements as requested.

9 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Thank you, President Carter.

00:29:01 10 So let's say that a passenger who's
11 wearing a mask is having a problem with a
12 passenger not wearing a mask and they go to the
13 CTA bus operator. How would that -- What would
14 you expect the personnel to do in that case?

00:29:21 15 PRESIDENT CARTER: Bus personnel obviously are
16 expected to mirror the messaging that we're doing
17 for all of our customers in particular.

18 We're not going to get into the business
19 of throwing people off the CTA, if that's the
00:29:34 20 question you're asking, because of their
21 compliance or noncompliance with this requirement.

22 It will work no differently than any
23 other of our Code of Conduct requirements, be it
24 eating on CTA or playing a radio loudly or

1 anything like that. If a customer informs a CTA
2 employee of behavior inconsistent with our Code of
3 Conduct, that employee would be expected to
4 address it like they would any other Code of
00:30:02 5 Conduct violation, which basically involves
6 informing the customer of the requirement and
7 asking that they comply.

8 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Thank you, President Carter.

9 No more questions.

00:30:13 10 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Any additional questions?

11 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: I have a question.

12 Who is working on the messaging for this?

13 PRESIDENT CARTER: We have been -- We have
14 actually been messaging on this, Commissioner
00:30:29 15 Rosales, since the State order was put in place in
16 May. There's signage up right now. There's
17 digital signage. There's audio messages. There's
18 material that we've provided to employers and
19 employees.

00:30:46 20 This has also been part of the courtesy
21 pack that we've been passing out to our customers
22 that actually includes a mask and hand sanitizer.
23 There's a postcard that's in there with also
24 messages on there. So it's part of an overall

1 campaign that we have been implementing and will
2 continue to implement and amplify as we continue.

00:31:19 3 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: The reason I ask is
4 the City is working with a number of different
5 organizations, not-for-profits, that have come up
6 with some really creative messaging, especially
7 around the whole mask. And it might be an
8 opportunity for us to take a look at that and then
9 incorporate it on some of our signage.

00:31:31 10 PRESIDENT CARTER: We have been in partnership
11 with the City on a lot of messaging around this.
12 Molly Poppe, who has been leading the team of the
13 handling the transition for the coronavirus for
14 our customer interaction I know is in conversation
00:31:55 15 with a lot of City departments. So I will make
16 sure that we have her follow up on your particular
17 issue and make sure that we're leveraging whatever
18 messaging that they're pursuing on CTA as well.

19 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Okay. Thank you.

00:32:12 20 PRESIDENT CARTER: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Any other questions for
22 Ron?

23 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Just a quick question.
24 Based upon the information you have, does it seem

1 as if most of the riders are complying with the
2 mask ordinance or the executive order?

00:32:40 3 MR. ESTER: Anecdotally, I would have to say
4 yes. We have had some complaints about customers
5 not wearing masks. But for the most part, they
6 are compliant.

7 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Okay. It just seems
8 like you will have that small group that won't.
9 But if the larger group will, then -- because I've
00:32:55 10 been seeing the messaging, and the messaging seems
11 all right. I just hope we don't get into kind of
12 over messaging, because it is what it is. And
13 hopefully everyone knows what it is. So I think
14 you all are doing a great job with the messaging.

00:33:14 15 MR. ESTER: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: All right. Any other
17 questions for Ron?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Okay. Hearing none, I
00:33:23 20 will entertain a motion to approve an ordinance
21 supplementing Ordinance No. 016-100, which amends
22 ordinance 006-75 regarding Rules of Conduct to
23 require facial coverings on the Chicago Transit
24 Authority property.

1 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.
2 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Second.
3 MR. LONGHINI: Moved and seconded. I'll take
4 a roll call vote.

5 Director Alva Rosales?

6 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

7 MR. LONGHINI: Director Silva?

8 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

9 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

10 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Yes.

11 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

12 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Yes.

13 MR. LONGHINI: Director Chevere?

14 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: Yes.

15 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

16 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

17 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

18 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes.

19 MR. LONGHINI: That motion is approved with
20 seven yes votes.

00:34:10

21 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thank you.

22 Ron, are you still there?

23 MR. ESTER: Yes, I'm still here.

24 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: I don't want to wait until

1 new business to just say this to you. I know some
2 of the other Board members might know. I know
3 this is your last Board meeting. I wanted to just
4 tell you it has been an honor working with you
5 since you've been there.

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6 I also wanted to congratulate you on
7 retirement. And when I think about retirement,
8 it's not that you're going to stop working or
9 doing something, it's just you won't have to come
10 in there and put in your 12 hours a day at CTA.

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11 So I just wanted to congratulate you and
12 tell you it's been truly an honor to work with
13 you.

14 MR. ESTER: Thank you, Chairman. And it has
15 been an amazing almost three decades here at the
16 Chicago Transit Authority. I've met some
17 incredible people and worked with some incredible
18 people. So thank you.

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19 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yeah, I think I saw
20 something saying you've been there 30-some years.
21 I said, well, whatever you're doing, it must have
22 been good, because you don't look like you've been
23 there 34 years.

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24 MR. ESTER: Thank you. Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: All right. I know Dorval
2 has got something to say a little later. But I
3 wanted to get that in and take a moment to just
4 really, like I said, thank you for a job well done
00:35:30 5 and just wish you much, much success in the next
6 endeavor and the next chapter in your life.

7 PRESIDENT CARTER: Actually, Mr. Chairman, I
8 can go ahead and say a few words right now if you
9 don't mind.

00:35:42 10 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: That's great.

11 PRESIDENT CARTER: Okay. I also wanted to
12 acknowledge and thank you for what you had to say.
13 I also wanted to take this opportunity to
14 acknowledge the work that Ron Ester has done for
00:35:57 15 CTA and the contribution he's made to our agency.

16 Ron has over 28 years worth of experience
17 at CTA and worked his way up the ranks of CTA
18 during that period of time. I certainly had
19 gotten to know him during his time here during my
00:36:19 20 tenure at CTA.

21 But I also just wanted to acknowledge and
22 thank Ron for what he has done for me personally
23 during my tenure as President of CTA. Ron, to use
24 a baseball term, Ron has been a utility player for

1 me. I have asked him to assume a number of
2 different roles during the time that I have been
3 here, including running the Control Center,
4 heading up Rail Operations, being my Deputy Chief
00:36:45 5 for Safety and Security, and now my Chief of
6 Safety and Security, all of which Ron took on with
7 the passion and dedication and commitment I have
8 seen him perform all of his jobs at CTA. And I
9 don't have any doubt that CTA is a better place
00:37:01 10 because of Ron's leadership and commitment to our
11 agency.

12 And I personally want to thank you, Ron,
13 for your commitment to me and the help you've
14 given me over the time I've been President in
00:37:17 15 supporting me and the mission of CTA itself.

16 So I wish you all the best in your
17 retirement. For those of you on the Board who
18 don't know, Ron's wife, Geisha, is also an
19 employee here at CTA. For whatever reason, Geisha
00:37:30 20 isn't planning to retire yet but will continue
21 working with us. And I'm thrilled about that
22 because Geisha heads up our training department at
23 CTA.

24 But the Ester family, I think it's safe

1 to say, has been a major contributor to CTA over
2 the years. And, Ron, I will miss you personally,
3 my man, and thank you so much for all you've done
4 for CTA.

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5 MR. ESTER: Thank you so much. I really
6 appreciate that, and it's heartfelt.

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7 And the Chicago Transit Authority will
8 always have, as you just mentioned, a place deep
9 in the heart of the Ester family. But thank you,
10 President Carter. I appreciate it.

11 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: All right. So I think we
12 took a vote. We did take a vote.

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13 So the next order of business is a report
14 from the Committee on Finance, Audit and Budget.
15 Director Silva.

16 DIRECTOR SILVA: The Committee on Finance,
17 Audit and Budget met earlier this morning via
18 teleconference.

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19 The Committee approved June 10, 2020,
20 minutes.

21 The Committee reviewed the finance
22 report. The Committee also reviewed the following
23 three ordinances: An ordinance authorizing a
24 short-term extension for two lease agreements with

1 Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc., for the operation and
2 maintenance of billboards on Chicago Transit
3 Authority property;

4 an ordinance authorizing a five-year
00:39:10 5 payment agreement with Northwestern University for
6 Bus Route 201 Central Ridge;

7 an ordinance authorizing the purchase of
8 primary and excess property insurance coverage for
9 year 2020-2021.

00:39:31 10 The Committee also reviewed four purchase
11 and award recommendations.

12 The Committee approved all items and
13 recommends Board approval of all items.

14 The Committee placed three ordinance and
00:39:46 15 contract numbers, B-1, B-2, and D-1 on the
16 omnibus. Contract G-1 will require a separate
17 vote.

18 That concludes my report, Chairman
19 Peterson.

00:39:58 20 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thank you, Director Silva.

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

23 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.

24 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Second.

1 MR. LONGHINI: That motion has been moved and
2 seconded, and it includes all items on the finance
3 agenda except for Item G-1. So this includes
4 everything else.

00:40:21

5 Let me get my list here. One second.

6 Director Alva Rosales?

7 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

8 MR. LONGHINI: Director Silva?

9 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

10 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

11 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Yes.

12 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

13 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Yes.

14 MR. LONGHINI: Director Chevere?

15 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: Yes.

16 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

17 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

18 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

19 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes.

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20 MR. LONGHINI: That motion to approve the
21 omnibus passes with seven yes votes.

22 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thanks, Greg.

23 I will now entertain a motion to approve

24 Contract G-1, the technical service support

1 contract.

2 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.

3 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Second.

00:41:04

4 MR. LONGHINI: That motion for G-1 has been
5 moved and seconded. I will now take the vote.

6 Director Alva Rosales?

7 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: I will abstain.

8 MR. LONGHINI: Director Silva?

9 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

10 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

11 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Yes.

12 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

13 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Yes.

14 MR. LONGHINI: Director Chevere?

15 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: Yes.

16 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

17 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

18 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

19 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes.

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20 MR. LONGHINI: That motion to approve G-1 is
21 approved with six yes votes, and Ms. Alva Rosales
22 abstained.

23 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Okay. Thanks Greg.

24 The next order -- The next agenda item is

1 new business.

2 Greg, is there any new business to come
3 before the Board?

4 MR. LONGHINI: I am not aware of any, sir,
00:41:46 5 unless you have some.

6 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: No. The only thing I
7 wanted to say, one, I just wanted to tell my
8 former -- my directors that I've missed seeing
9 them. You know, after a while, Webex conference
00:41:59 10 calls, Zoom gets kind of old. I would do anything
11 to get back to just having that physical presence
12 and being able to meet.

13 I know the question has come up when will
14 we be able to have in-person meetings again. And
00:42:17 15 I've been talking with April, and I know she's
16 been talking with Dorval and his team. I'm hoping
17 that August, we will be able to do that. But I
18 also watch daily, as I'm sure most of my directors
19 do, the uptick in the number of cases. I think
00:42:32 20 last week, we had a couple of days of a thousand
21 or more new cases. So we will continue to monitor
22 that. But I wanted the directors to know that, I,
23 like most of you, I'm sure, would love to get back
24 to in-person meetings. And again, I miss seeing

1 you and having an opportunity, even when the Board
2 meeting isn't going on to just chat a little bit
3 off to the side. So again, just want to thank
4 everybody for their patience in going through
5 this.

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6 I think everybody has my cell number. So
7 if there's anything you need, I can do, or be
8 helpful in any way, still don't hesitate to call
9 me on my cell, text me, or call me at work.

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10 But those were the other only comments I
11 have. I don't know if any of the other directors
12 have anything else that they wanted to bring
13 before the Board for the good of the Board, but I
14 just wanted --

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15 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Mr. Chairman, this is Kevin.
16 And I just want to add I also miss everyone. I
17 hope we can get back together soon.

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18 There was a virtual meeting of the CTA's
19 ADA Advisory Committee on Monday. And I just
20 wanted to commend President Carter, you and your
21 staff. We have a really good makeup of the ADA
22 Advisory Committee. They're really good active
23 and engaged members. And I thought the meeting
24 was really thorough and detailed and full of good

1 information. And I was just impressed with the
2 work the CTA staff is doing on making sure the CTA
3 is as successful as it can be for all of our
4 customers. And not just on vertical
00:44:16 5 accessibility. There was an update on the All
6 Stations Accessibility Program, but also talking
7 about some of the things CTA is doing to make sure
8 that some of our programs and services are
9 accessible to people who are blind or have low
00:44:30 10 vision.

11 And particularly in this month of the
12 30th anniversary of the Americans With
13 Disabilities Act, which we're going to be
14 celebrating all month, but it falls on July 26, it
00:44:42 15 was just -- it was just a really positive
16 experience to listen in on the ADA Advisory
17 Committee and hear what both the volunteers, the
18 community volunteers who serve on the committee,
19 but also all the CTA staff are doing to work so
00:44:59 20 hard to make sure that as much of CTA as possible
21 is as accessible as it can be for everyone.

22 So just a lot of kudos to you, President
23 Carter, to you and your whole team on the work
24 that you're doing. And I'm really excited to see

1 what CTA is going to be doing in the years ahead
2 as we work to become even more accessible.

3 So that's all. Just a shout out. Thank
4 you.

00:45:24 5 PRESIDENT CARTER: Thank you, Director Irvine.

6 This is Dorval Carter. I certainly
7 appreciate your comment, and I know my staff, who
8 all work very hard to address accessibility issues
9 appreciate your taking a moment to acknowledge the
00:45:41 10 work that they do.

11 I would also echo the comments that
12 Chairman Peterson made about the Board meetings
13 themselves. I miss seeing all of you as well face
14 to face, and certainly look forward to the day in
00:45:57 15 which we're able to actually meet again face to
16 face.

17 We are monitoring, obviously, very
18 closely the situation with the virus here in
19 Chicago and the impact that it's having on public
00:46:09 20 gatherings while also working with our staff to
21 discuss when we do get to a point that we can have
22 face-to-face meetings, how do we do that safely
23 and maintain the appropriate social distancing
24 requirements and the public input engagement

1 process that comes from a public meeting.

2 So I want you to know that we are working
3 on that. We are looking at adjustments we may
4 have to make to the way our Board meetings
00:46:37 5 consistently could be carried out in anticipation
6 of a point in time we will be able to come back
7 together. Hopefully, and with the virus
8 cooperating at some point in time, that will
9 happen sooner rather than later.

00:46:53 10 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thanks, Dorval.

11 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: I want to take a couple
12 of seconds to cosign what Kevin said earlier as it
13 relates to our President and others doing a great
14 job.

00:47:06 15 But I want to make sure that I speak as
16 far as Herb is concerned. I have no idea who Herb
17 is, but Herb has done a fabulous job keeping us
18 connected through the virtual meetings.

19 And I also want to lift up Greg and
00:47:26 20 Adrienne Brown specifically for hearing the
21 concerns that I had last month about making it
22 easier for us to have our briefings and putting
23 the Board book together so it flows nicely as we
24 gather together virtually. So I just wanted to

1 say kudos to them as well, because they've made it
2 much easier for us to make the adjustments during
3 these uncertain times. So thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thank you.

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5 Anyone else?

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6 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: This is Arabel. I
7 just, thank you everybody. And I miss everybody
8 as well. I know it's so much easier, to be honest
9 with you, to see everybody's response when we're
10 face to face. But I also have to tell you,
11 yesterday, and a couple of the other times that
12 we've had our briefings, I am so happy to be part
13 of this team because it is a really great team.

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14 We've kept the city moving forward, and
15 it's such a vital part of this city being able to
16 continue to work. So please thank everybody on
17 the team, President Carter. Just thank them from
18 the bottom of my heart, because I know it's very
19 difficult to do. I also know, you know we talk
20 about all the PPE that people have to wear now and
21 everything. And I hope that they understand that
22 we understand that it's not easy. Because we're
23 actually transforming people's habits. And that's
24 a very difficult thing do. And everybody is doing

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1 such an incredible job. So thank you to
2 everybody. And I miss everybody. Looking forward
3 to us being able to meet again soon.

4 Thank you.

00:49:15 5 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thank you.

6 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Director Miller here.
7 And I say thanks, Mr. Chairman. And I say ditto
8 to all that's been said. And I'm glad to be part
9 of the team and missing everybody. And we're
00:49:27 10 having the same situation all the way around
11 church and everywhere, something we've never been
12 in before. But I want to thank the CTA team and
13 the lodge for the way that its work is still
14 moving the city, still doing a great job, commend
00:49:43 15 everybody, and miss everybody on the Board.

16 Thank you.

17 DIRECTOR SILVA: I miss you all.

18 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: I miss all of you. I
19 miss seeing all of you.

00:49:53 20 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Absolutely. Thank you,
21 guys.

22 And like I said, I just can't thank you
23 enough. And I didn't want this meeting to end
24 without saying that. And again, we'll see how

1 things progress over the next couple of weeks and
2 everything.

3 With no further business to come before
4 the Board, may I have a motion to adjourn?

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5 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.

6 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Second.

7 MR. LONGHINI: Moved and seconded, the final
8 roll call vote.

9 Director Alva Rosales?

10 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

11 MR. LONGHINI: Director Silva?

12 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

13 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

14 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Yes.

15 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

16 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Yes.

17 MR. LONGHINI: Director Chevere?

18 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: Yes.

19 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

20 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Absolutely.

21 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

22 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes.

23 MR. LONGHINI: That motion to adjourn passes

24 with seven yes votes, sir.

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CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thanks, Greg. We are
adjourned. Everyone have a great rest of the day.

(Whereupon, the Meeting of the
Chicago Transit Board adjourned
at 11:13 a.m.)

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I, TRACY JONES, being first duly sworn, on oath says that she is a court reporter doing business in the State of Illinois; 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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