

CHI CAGO TRANSIT BOARD

IN RE THE MATTER:)
REGULAR MEETING)
OF JUNE 16TH, 2021)
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Report of proceedings at the meeting of
the above-entitled cause, before Tabitha Watson, an
Illinois Shorthand Reporter, on the 16th day of
June, 2021, at the hour of 11:04 a.m., via
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1 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

2 LESTER BARCLAY, Chairperson

3 ARABEL ALVA ROSALES, Vice Chairperson

4 KEVIN IRVINE

5 BERNARD JAKES

6 JOHNNY MILLER

7 ALEJANDRO SILVA

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10 ALSO PRESENT:

11 DORVAL R. CARTER, JR., President

12 GREGORY LONGHINI, Secretary

13 KAREN SEIMETZ, General Counsel

14 CHRIS BUSHELL

15 BILL MOONEY

16 JUAN PABLO PRIETO

1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Hello again. This is Greg
2 Longhini of the CTA Board Office and we're ready to
3 begin the regular board meeting of June 16th. I'll
4 turn it over to Vice Chairman Alva Rosales.

5 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Good morning,
6 everyone. I would like to call to order the
7 regularly scheduled meeting of the Chicago Transit
8 Board for June 16th, 2021.

9 Would the secretary call the roll, Greg?

10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes.

11 Director Silva? Director Silva?

12 DIRECTOR JAKES: He has to unmute.

13 DIRECTOR SILVA: Unmute. Yes.

14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Okay. Thank you, Alex.

15 Director Jakes?

16 DIRECTOR JAKES: Here.

17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes is here.

18 Director Miller?

19 DIRECTOR MILLER: Here.

20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

21 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Right here.

22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Barclay?

23 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Here.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Vice Chairman

1 Al va Rosal es?

2 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Here.

3 SECRETARY LONGHINI: We have all six members of
4 the Board present and let the record show that
5 President Carter and General Counsel Karen Seimetz
6 are also participating in this meeting.

7 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Great. Thank you,
8 Greg. Our first order of business today is public
9 comment. Greg, do we have public comment?

10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes. We do have public
11 comment. We have two speakers today. The first
12 speaker, I hope I get the name right. Amanda -- is
13 it Paccha or Paccha? I'm not sure. But, Amanda,
14 you'll be the first one to go and we ask all of our
15 public comment speakers to try to limit their
16 discussion or clock to three to four minutes.
17 Thank you.

18 Amanda, please continue.

19 AMANDA PACCHA: Thank you to the Board of
20 Directors for allowing me to speak.

21 I would like to point out the policy under
22 the stroller description in the website for CTA. I
23 would like to see more on what parents can do to
24 make a better purchase of strollers because there's

1 so many models and often the cheapest stroller
2 models are the bigger ones and they're the most
3 cumbersome on CTA.

4 I, myself, am a parent who has worked with
5 social workers who assisted my family throughout me
6 being a parent and one of the things that we don't
7 have access to is information on what we can do and
8 what the bus is equipped with to help us as parents
9 for when we purchase strollers. And that might not
10 seem like a big deal to most people, but if you're
11 a commuter like I am, I go to the city every day, I
12 take my daughter with me. We don't know what the
13 best purchase would be and it ends up costing a lot
14 more money to see what the measurements would be
15 and where it would fit.

16 So something as simple as allowing social
17 workers and other family advocates to see what the
18 bus floor plan is, something as simple as making
19 that public would help us a lot as our children
20 grow because sizes change and the cost is also an
21 enormous factor for us.

22 I have had two years of customer service
23 interaction where I would point this out and why I
24 decided to speak today is because something very

1 simple like that would have helped me throughout
2 these two years as my daughter grew.

3 So thank you for your time and I'll
4 probably pop in in another meeting to maybe offer
5 some more insight in what it's like to be a
6 commuter parent with a baby. So thank you again.

7 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Amanda, thank you so
8 much. What is -- can you say your last name for us
9 just so we get it clear?

10 AMANDA PACCHA: It's Paccha.

11 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Paccha. Okay. Well,
12 as a mom, I really thank you, you know, for coming
13 before us and sharing this information. And what I
14 would like to do, because I want to make sure that
15 we follow up with you and look into this at least,
16 is I'm going to ask that Brian Steele, who is the
17 VP of our communications, contact you and work with
18 you a little bit on this.

19 But thank you for bringing this to our
20 attention. We appreciate it, appreciate the
21 information, and thank you for coming before us and
22 taking the time to do so. Again, as a mom I
23 appreciate your comments. So thank you.

24 AMANDA PACCHA: Thank you.

1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you, Amanda.

2 Our second and last public speaker today
3 would be someone we all know quite well, Garland
4 Armstrong. Garland.

5 GARLAND ARMSTRONG: Can you hear me?

6 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes, we can, Garland.

7 GARLAND ARMSTRONG: Good morning, everybody,
8 and welcome aboard, Director Barclay, as becoming
9 new chairperson.

10 I'm Garland Armstrong, formally of Des
11 Plaines, Illinois, now living in Des Moines, Iowa
12 and I just want to thank CTA for everything they
13 have done all these years and I want to express my
14 biggest surprise of CTA coming up with the -- with
15 the new station of State and Lake and also making
16 sure people with disabilities have access to every
17 station and making sure that they keep on so that
18 they can have safety important and also making sure
19 that CTA will keep on going with the buses and the
20 trains.

21 And as a former CTA ADA Advisory Board
22 member, I just would like you all to know that you
23 have done an awesome job and keep up the good work
24 and if you have anything down the road to show me,

1 can you mail it all to the new address where I'm at
2 in Des Moines to see how CTA will look in the near
3 future and if I want to add additional comments for
4 you all, because you guys have done a superlative
5 awesome job and I want to thank you all for
6 everything.

7 And, Greg, I know you've got somewhere
8 down the road a good -- a thank you party for me as
9 being a former CTA rider and also being on the --
10 CTA board member.

11 And, President Dorval Carter, keep up the
12 good work and make sure that you get everything
13 from the Federal Government because sometimes -- so
14 you all can keep on with those projects so you can
15 reach your entire goal, making sure CTA will be in
16 the top 100 percent. And also with the data of
17 everything for all the safety and all the incidents
18 and everything.

19 So I want to thank you all for everything
20 and if -- I'll be glad if you have any questions
21 for any of the directors.

22 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Garland, we want to
23 thank you for keeping an eye on us even though
24 you're not here in Chicago anymore. I mean, we're

1 very grateful to you. Say hi to your wife Heather.
2 We're grateful for all the work that you've done
3 and that you're keeping an eye on us. I know that
4 Director Irvine has worked with you in the past and
5 might want to, you know, give you a direct
6 shout-out. So Director Irvine?

7 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Thank you, Vice Chair Alva
8 Rosales.

9 Hey, Garland and hey, Heather, if you're
10 listening. It's great to hear from you. I think
11 we need to hear from you about once a year just to
12 keep us pumped up.

13 GARLAND ARMSTRONG: You got it, Kevin.

14 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Thank you.

15 GARLAND ARMSTRONG: Director Kevin. Because
16 we -- Heather says hello to you. And making sure
17 that once you -- once your term is up, Kevin, I
18 hope they will get a new director for the ADA
19 because it's definitely -- so we can get more
20 voices here for the disability community to be a
21 part of it since you've done an awesome job as a
22 director.

23 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Thank you so much, Garland.
24 And I wish you and Heather the best in Des Moines

1 and I look forward to seeing you guys when you come
2 back to Chicago to visit, which I know you will.

3 GARLAND ARMSTRONG: We will. We're coming back
4 in October as visitors. And anytime that you want
5 to show us brand new for CTA, you can call me
6 anytime we're in the Chicago and area and just show
7 us what -- what you all got and it will be great.

8 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Thank you. Thank
9 you.

10 PRESIDENT CARTER: Director Rosales.

11 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Thanks so much. Stay
12 in touch with us.

13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes. President Carter?

14 GARLAND ARMSTRONG: We certainly will.

15 PRESIDENT CARTER: I just want to say on behalf
16 of the CTA staff, we also want to extend our
17 appreciation and gratitude to Garland and his wife
18 for the engagement that they have had with CTA over
19 the years.

20 I personally have known Garland for many,
21 many years even before I became president of the
22 CTA. So I know how passionate and committed he is
23 to good public transit for people with disabilities
24 and I believe he has now set a record for the

1 public commenter who is farthest away from our
2 service area doing a public comment at a CTA board
3 meeting. So he has another distinction to add
4 to his credit in terms of his involvement with CTA.

5 So I wish him and Heather nothing but the
6 best and certainly have appreciated their advocacy
7 around accessibility issues over the years.

8 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Thank you. Thank
9 you, President Carter. All right, everyone.

10 GARLAND ARMSTRONG: All right. Thanks a lot,
11 everybody.

12 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Thanks so much. All
13 right. Thank you.

14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: And that concludes our
15 public comment today, Director Alva Rosales.

16 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Great. Thank you.

17 Our next order of business today is the
18 approval of the May 12th board minutes. The
19 minutes were previously distributed and I will now
20 entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the
21 regular board meeting of May 12th, 2021.

22 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.

23 DIRECTOR JAKES: Second.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Excuse me. Motion was

1 moved by Director Irvine, seconded by Director
2 Jakes. I will now take the vote.

3 Director Silva?

4 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

6 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

8 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

10 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

11 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Barclay?

12 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Abstain.

13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

14 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved
16 with five yes votes and one abstention by Director
17 Barclay.

18 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Thank you, Greg.

19 Our next order of business, we'll go to
20 board matters. Let's start with Agenda Item 4-A.
21 I will now entertain a motion to approve an
22 ordinance fixing the salary of Lester L. Barclay as
23 a member of the Chicago Transit Board.

24 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.

1 DI RECTOR JAKES: Second.

2 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion was moved by
3 Director Irvine, seconded by Director Jakes. I'll
4 take the vote.

5 Director Silva?

6 DI RECTOR SILVA: Yes.

7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

8 DI RECTOR JAKES: Yes.

9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

10 DI RECTOR MILLER: Yes.

11 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

12 DI RECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Barclay?

14 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Abstain.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

16 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion passes with
18 five yes votes and one abstention by Director
19 Barclay.

20 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: All right. Thank
21 you. Our next order of business is Agenda Item
22 Number 4-B. I will now entertain a motion to
23 approve an ordinance appointing members and chairs
24 to certain standing committees of the Chicago

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DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.

DIRECTOR JAKES: Second.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: 4-B has been moved by
Director Irvine, seconded by Director Jakes. I'll
take the vote.

Director Silva?

DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Barclay?

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman -- Vice Chairman
Alva Rosales?

VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

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

VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: And ...

SECRETARY LONGHINI: 4-C.

VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: 4-C. So now I will

1 now entertain a motion to approve Board Agenda Item
2 Number 4-C, an ordinance electing Lester L. Barclay
3 as chairman of the Chicago Transit Board and
4 setting the chairman's salary. We need a motion.

5 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.

6 DIRECTOR JAKES: Second.

7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: 4-C has been moved by
8 Director Irvine, seconded by Director Jakes. I'll
9 take the vote.

10 Director Silva?

11 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

12 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

13 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

15 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

16 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

17 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Barclay?

19 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Abstain.

20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Vice Chairman

21 Alva Rosales?

22 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved
24 with five yes votes, an abstention by Chairman

1 Barclay.

2 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Great. Before
3 handing over the gavel, and I know we have a very
4 full agenda, I would like to take a few minutes at
5 this time to thank everyone for their hard work and
6 dedication, for their support during the last
7 almost nine months as my serving as acting chair of
8 this organization.

9 I don't have to tell you that we went
10 through a period of unknown. We had no playbook to
11 rely on and I dare say we not only survived, but we
12 really flourished. This is an incredible team and
13 I thank all of you for your patience with my many
14 questions. I know I tend to look at things
15 logically and creatively and I really care about
16 moving things forward. And I want to thank each
17 and every one of you for how deeply each and every
18 one of you care about the city, about the CTA,
19 about making the best during what was really the
20 worst of times.

21 The list of people I would like to thank
22 individually is way, way too long, but I -- you
23 know, I do want to make sure that I thank those
24 individuals that are on the front line because,

1 frankly, they make our, you know, jobs so much
2 easier because they work so hard.

3 I want to send a special shout out to
4 April for her amazing work and her patience with
5 me. Thank you so much. Greg, well, I want to
6 thank Greg for just being Greg because, you know,
7 that says it all. Jeremy Fine for always keeping
8 an eye on the money. Keep on doing that. We need
9 you to do that. All of our departments and all of
10 the workers and, President Carter, for your
11 leadership. And, Herb, I give you the thumbs up
12 because you know you keep us in line during these,
13 again, unusual meetings that we've had to have.
14 And, of course, all of my fellow board members for
15 their utmost professionalism.

16 So thank you. And now it has been grand,
17 but it is time. I would like to say, Chairman
18 Barclay, I will now hand over to you the gavel.
19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, Vice Chair
21 Alva Rosales. And good morning to all of you.

22 First, I want to acknowledge my gratitude
23 to Mayor Lightfoot and the City of Chicago City
24 Council for this appointment. I also want to

1 acknowledge former Chairman Peterson for his
2 leadership and his rich legacy that he has left me
3 to build upon. I want to also acknowledge and
4 thank the Board of Directors, each of you for your
5 support and your pledge to work with me to make the
6 CTA the best public transit agency in America.

7 I want to acknowledge and thank you, Vice
8 Chair, for your role in serving in the interim role
9 and for the fine job that you've done.

10 I want to also acknowledge the Board staff
11 here that has done a very herculean job of getting
12 me up to speed over the past few weeks and I do
13 appreciate that, along with President Carter and
14 the entire CTA staff and what they've done to work
15 with this incoming chairperson to sort of get up to
16 speed.

17 I want to just make one final comment and
18 to just tell you that dreams can and do come true.
19 More than 40 years ago, I started off with CTA as a
20 summer worker, worked three summers. But one in
21 particular, I worked as a rail -- as a conductor on
22 the train in rail service and I remember the
23 comments of an older gentleman who said, son, if
24 you do a good job, one day you might just be

1 chairman of the board and I laughed at him
2 thinking, oh, my god, I'm just trying to earn a few
3 dollars to get back to college and keep it going.
4 And I thought about that when Mayor Lightfoot
5 reached out to me and I said for a young kid from
6 Englewood, the youngest of 11 children, dreams do
7 come true.

8 So I'm happy to be here, I'm happy to
9 serve, I'm happy to work with each of you to -- as
10 I indicated, to make CTA the best transit agency in
11 the country.

12 So moving on to business. I want to
13 acknowledge our Vice Chair Alva Rosales and the
14 fine work that she has done. So I'm going to ask
15 Greg if he would read a resolution. Thank you.

16 Greg, I think you're on mute.

17 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Greg, you're muted.

18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: All right. Can you hear
19 me now?

20 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yeah.

21 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Okay. All right. Arabel,
22 you didn't know about this. We're going to
23 surprise you. I'm going to read a resolution of
24 appreciation for Vice Chair Alva Rosales.

1 Whereas, CTA Board Chairman Terry
2 Peterson's term concluded on September 1st, 2020,
3 and whereas, State statute and CTA bylaws empowered
4 the Board's vice chair with all the duties and
5 responsibilities of the chairman in the absence of
6 the chairman and whereas, Arabel Alva Rosales has
7 been the CTA Board's vice chair since 2017 and
8 whereas, Vice Chair Alva Rosales was immediately
9 faced with serious and unparalleled challenges
10 confronting the Authority due to the COVID-19
11 pandemic and whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic was
12 negatively impacting the health of CTA employees,
13 its customers, and the economy and whereas, Vice
14 Chairs Alva Rosales addressed all of these
15 challenges in a competent and productive manager.
16 And whereas, Vice Chair Alva Rosales has worked
17 tirelessly with CTA leadership and staff throughout
18 the pandemic in the collaborative and congenial
19 manner, making her time available whenever
20 necessary to perform duties and responsibilities of
21 board chairman.

22 Among other things, Vice Chair Alva
23 Rosales guided the CTA through the difficult budget
24 process for the 2021 budget. And whereas, in

1 addition, Vice Chair Alva Rosales oversaw the
2 approval of over \$1 billion in CTA expenditures to
3 ensure the future viability of CTA. And whereas,
4 Vice Chair Alva Rosales spent nearly nine months
5 assuming the responsibilities of serving the CTA in
6 the role of Transit Board Chairman.

7 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the
8 Transit Board appreciates Alva Rosales's dedication
9 and service to the Board, the CTA's management
10 team, and the CTA's dedicated workforce.

11 It is further resolved that the Board
12 recognizes the hard work Vice Chair Alva Rosales
13 exhibited these last nine months as well as the
14 generous giving of her time.

15 Be it further resolved that the Board
16 expresses its gratitude to Vice Chair Alva Rosales
17 and looks forward to continuing to work with her in
18 the future leading the CTA forward.

19 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Wow. Thank you so
20 much. I did not know about this and --

21 SECRETARY LONGHINI: We tricked you.

22 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: It's unusual -- it's
23 unusual, but I'm speechless. Thank you so much. I
24 really appreciate it. And, again, I really

1 appreciate everybody's efforts and all the hard
2 work.

3 And, Chairman Barclay, we are so excited
4 about having you on board and as I mentioned to
5 you, anything I can do to help. You know, we --
6 you've got a great team here. So looking forward
7 to it. But, again, thank you.

8 And, again, thank you, President Carter,
9 because I know we've -- everybody has worked so
10 hard. So thank you. I really appreciate those
11 kind words. It means a lot. Thank you.

12 PRESIDENT CARTER: Chairman Barclay?

13 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.

14 PRESIDENT CARTER: If you don't mind, I would
15 like to say a few words as well as.

16 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Please.

17 PRESIDENT CARTER: So obviously I thought the
18 resolution was very appropriate and I think a very
19 insightful description of the role that one assumes
20 as chair at CTA and I believe that the Vice Chair
21 Rosales has done a yeoman's job fulfilling that
22 function.

23 There's one function doesn't really get
24 mentioned in the role of chairman and it's

1 something that Chairman Barclay will start to
2 experience now that he's in that role and it was
3 something that Chairman Peterson certainly
4 performed during his time as chairman and that's
5 the relationship between the CEO and the chair.
6 The reality is, is that as CEO, I view the chairman
7 as someone who is really a confidant. Someone that
8 I can talk to, that I can express concerns, desires
9 about, and who can give me sound advice and support
10 for what I'm trying to accomplish as the head of
11 CTA. And in that particular role, you also
12 excelled in terms of not just being available for
13 CTA as a whole, but also being available for me.

14 We had numerous conversations over the
15 course of your tenure where, you know, we discussed
16 one-on-one issues of mutual concern, sought advice,
17 gave advice, and really sort of supported each
18 other as we managed our way through these
19 unprecedented times and I will be forever grateful
20 for your support and your effort to support CTA
21 over the past nine months.

22 So as part of that, there's one other
23 thing that we wanted to do and unfortunately
24 because we're not in person, I can't give this to

1 you directly, but I just want to show you. The CTA
2 team has put together a little gift for you, which
3 is a clock with an engraving of a CTA rail car on
4 it and on it, there's a plaque which reads, Arabel
5 Alva Rosales, appreciation as Vice Chair for
6 assuming the duties as CTA Transit Board Chairman
7 from September 2020 through June of 2021 with
8 gratitude from the CTA President's Office.

9 So I'll find a way to get this to you at
10 some point, Arabel, but I just wanted you to know
11 that we also found a way to memorialize all the
12 work you've done.

13 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Thank you. I love
14 it. Thank you so much. Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: I would invite any other
16 board members who might want to make brief comments
17 as well.

18 DIRECTOR IRVINE: I just want to say, Vice
19 Chair Alva Rosales, I think you did a superb job.
20 You stepped right in and we didn't miss a beat with
21 you at the helm. And if the mayor -- I don't -- if
22 the mayor had asked me about you being the
23 permanent chair, I would have given a hardy pretty
24 resounding yes. You did a fantastic job and I want

1 to thank you for all the extra time you had to put
2 in over the last nine months and you -- just, you
3 know, I'm glad you're still serving on the Board
4 and thank you for all your service this past year.

5 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Thank you. Great
6 team. Great team. Thank you.

7 DIRECTOR JAKES: Vice Chair, I just wanted to
8 say that you -- definitely I want to echo the
9 sentiments of everything that has been said.

10 For me, what stood out about your
11 leadership is your class, your dignity, and your
12 ability to think critically to ask the questions
13 that were not obvious in the reports and to give an
14 ah-ha to those unmentionable moments.

15 So, you know, thank you so much for your
16 leadership. You are just one class act and I'm
17 glad to have served under your leadership and glad
18 to continue serving on the Board with you. So
19 thank you for nine months of giving up yourself
20 during a time you really could have said no, let's
21 do something different. Thank you.

22 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Thank you, Director.

23 DIRECTOR MILLER: I just want to join in and
24 say ditto to all that has been said. Thank you for

1 the friendship and for the conversation when we
2 were meeting in person, but especially during these
3 nine months or so of this COVID and this pandemic.
4 You really stood out and helped us to stay together
5 with your motivation and your leadership. I just
6 want to join everybody and say how much we
7 appreciate you. Thank you.

8 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Thank you.

9 DIRECTOR SILVA: Arabel, you made me very,
10 very, very proud, okay, all this time, okay, that
11 you've been leading us. And one thing, okay,
12 especially, I don't know if you all know, okay, but
13 you are the only Mexican person having had this
14 job, okay, and that makes me very, very, very, very
15 proud, okay, and I admire all your work and
16 congratulations.

17 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Well, thank you.
18 Gracias. Gracias.

19 DIRECTOR SILVA: Gracias.

20 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Thank you, everybody.
21 Big heart to everybody. I really appreciated it.
22 I've had such a great team. Thank you so much.
23 You are in such good hands, Chairman Barclay. As
24 you can see, you've got an incredible team. Thanks

1 so much. Appreciate every word. Thanks so much.

2 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: At this point, I will
3 entertain a motion to approve the resolution of
4 appreciation of Vice Chair Alva Rosales.

5 DIRECTOR SILVA: I move it.

6 DIRECTOR JAKES: Second.

7 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Heartily moved.

8 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Greg, will you call the
9 roll?

10 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Greg, you're muted.

11 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Why does that keep
12 happening? I got to keep my eye out for this. All
13 right. I heard it all. I heard that motion being
14 moved by Irvine, seconded Director Jakes.

15 Director Silva?

16 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

18 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

20 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

21 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

22 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

24 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Yes. With a big

1 thank you. Yes.

2 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Of course.

3 And Chairman Barclay?

4 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.

5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved
6 with six yes votes.

7 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you. Our next
8 order of business is Executive Session. It's my
9 understanding, Karen, that there is an Executive
10 Session today?

11 COUNSEL SEIMETZ: Yes, Chairman. We will have
12 Executive Session pursuant to Section 2, paragraph
13 C, subparagraphs (1), (2), and (6) of the Open
14 Meetings Act.

15 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: I will now entertain a
16 motion to recess into Executive Session based upon
17 Counsel's recommendation.

18 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.

19 DIRECTOR JAKES: Second.

20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Irvine,
21 seconded by Director Jakes. I'll take the vote.

22 Director Silva?

23 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

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DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay?

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved with six yes votes. So we are now in recess.

(A break was had for Executive Session.)

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Hello again. This is Greg Longhini of the CTA Board Office. We are about to begin. I turn it over to Chairman Lester Barclay.

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you. I will now entertain a motion to return to the open meeting.

DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.

DIRECTOR JAKES: Second.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Irvine, seconded by Director Jakes. I'll take a roll call vote.

Director Silva?

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DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller? Director Miller? Please unmute.

DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes. I'm sorry. Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes for Director Miller. Director Irvine?

DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay?

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved with six yes votes. We'll return to open session.

I would like to state for the record that Board Agenda Number 5-A and Board Agenda Item 5-B is being deferred.

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of business is -- on the board agenda is Item Number 5C. Karen.

COUNSEL SEIMETZ: Thank you. Item 5-C is a recommendation that the Board authorizes execution of a collective bargaining agreement continuing the

1 terms of a tentative agreement with the
2 International Association of Machinist and
3 Aerospace Workers District 8. This covers CTA's
4 architects, engineers, technicians, and
5 coordinators and related positions. It's about 65
6 people.

7 The agreement is for the term of
8 January 1st, 2017 through December 31st, 2021 for
9 the years 2017, 2019, the wage increases will be
10 based on the total that ATU Locals 241 and 308
11 received with the same health care design and help
12 CTA manage the annual premium increases.

13 For 2020 and 2021, District 8 will receive
14 a 1 percent increase on January 1st and July 1st of
15 each year or, alternatively, any higher amount that
16 ATU should negotiate.

17 Staff from construction, law, and finance
18 recommend that the Board authorize these terms of
19 the tentative agreement.

20 That concludes my presentation.

21 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: I will now entertain a
22 motion to approve Agenda Item 5-C, an ordinance
23 authorizing a collective bargaining agreement
24 containing the terms of the tentative agreement

1 with the International Association of Machinists
2 and Aerospace Workers District Number 8, architects
3 engineers, and quality improvement technicians.

4 After the motion is moved and seconded,
5 Greg, will you please announce the vote?

6 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes, I will, sir.

7 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.

8 DIRECTOR JAKES: Second.

9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: The motion has been moved
10 and seconded by Directors Irvine and Jakes. I will
11 take the vote.

12 Director Silva?

13 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

15 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

16 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

17 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

19 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

21 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Barclay?

23 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved

1 with six yes votes on Number 5-C.

2 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of
3 business on the board agenda is Item 5-D, an
4 ordinance sustaining the discharge of Patrick
5 Holden. Karen.

6 COUNSEL SEIMETZ: Thank you. This involves the
7 Board's review of the recommendation of a Section
8 28 hearing panel on the discharge of Patrick
9 Holden. He requested a Section 28 appeal pursuant
10 to the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. The
11 panel summarized the evidence in the case and is
12 recommending that the discharge be sustained by the
13 Board.

14 Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: I will now entertain a
16 motion to approve Board Agenda Item Number 5-D, an
17 ordinance sustaining the discharge of Patrick
18 Holden.

19 After the motion is moved and seconded,
20 will you please call the roll?

21 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Will do, sir.

22 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.

23 DIRECTOR JAKES: Second.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion was moved by

1 Director Irvine, seconded by Director Jakes. The
2 vote.

3 Director Silva?

4 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

6 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

8 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

10 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

11 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

12 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay?

14 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Motion to approve 5-D is
16 approved with six votes.

17 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of
18 business is a report from the Committee on Finance,
19 Audit and Budget. Director Silva.

20 DIRECTOR SILVA: The Committee on Finance,
21 Audit and Budget met earlier this morning via Zoom
22 video-teleconference. The Committee approved the
23 May 12th, 2021 committee minutes. The Committee
24 reviewed the finance report. The Committee heard a

1 presentation from the Authority's auditors. The
2 Committee reviewed the following 14 ordinances.

3 An ordinance authorizing an amendment to a
4 Locker Location pilot agreement with Amazon.com
5 Services, LLC to install, operate, and maintain
6 package delivery lockers at designated rail
7 stations.

8 An ordinance authorizing a co-promotional
9 agreement with the City of Chicago through its
10 Department of Assets, Information and Services.

11 An ordinance authorizing an additional
12 experimental University Pass, U-Pass, program
13 agreement with the City Colleges of Chicago for
14 certain part-time students for Fall 2021 and Spring
15 2022 terms.

16 An ordinance authorizing an additional
17 experimental University Pass, U-Pass, program
18 agreement with the University of Illinois at
19 Chicago, UIC, for certain part-time students for
20 the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 terms.

21 An ordinance authorizing the continuation
22 of University Pass, U-Pass, contract terms
23 previously amended due to the COVID-19 pandemic for
24 the Fall of 2021 and Spring 2022 terms.

1 An ordinance consenting to the acquisition
2 of Cubic Transportation Systems by certain
3 affiliates of Veritas Capital and Elliot Investment
4 Management and authorizing a supplement to the Open
5 Standards Fare System agreement.

6 An ordinance authorizing additional
7 funding for blanket construction management
8 consulting services.

9 An ordinance authorizing a license
10 agreement with Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of
11 Commerce and Friends of Lakeview NFP for Authority
12 property between Southport Avenue and Paulina
13 Street, Chicago, Illinois for the Lakeview Low-Line
14 Brown Line.

15 An ordinance authorizing a facilities use
16 license agreement with City Colleges of Chicago for
17 continued use of instruction space at Truman
18 College, Chicago, Illinois through August 2021.

19 An ordinance establishing the Authority's
20 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise DBE Program goal
21 for Federal fiscal years 2022-2024.

22 An ordinance authorizing an agreement with
23 Consolidated Rail Corporation for preliminary
24 engineering services for the Red Line Extension,

1 RLE, project.

2 An ordinance authorizing an agreement with
3 Illinois Central Railroad Company for preliminary
4 engineering services for the Red Line, RLE,
5 project.

6 An ordinance authorizing an
7 intergovernmental agreement with the City of
8 Chicago through its Office of Emergency Management
9 and Communication for a vaccine bus program.

10 An ordinance authorizing the purchase of
11 primary and excess property insurance coverage for
12 policy year 2021-2022.

13 The Committee reviewed eight contracts.
14 The Committee approved all 14 ordinances, all eight
15 contracts, and placed them all on the omnibus and
16 recommended board approval of the omnibus.

17 That concludes my report, Chairman
18 Barclay.

19 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, Director
20 Silva.

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

23 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.

24 DIRECTOR JAKES: Second.

1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: The motion is moved by
2 Director Irvine, seconded by Director Jakes. I
3 will take the vote.

4 Director Silva?

5 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

6 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

7 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

8 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

9 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

11 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

12 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

13 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay?

15 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.

16 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion to approve the
17 omnibus is approved with six yes votes, sir.

18 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of
19 business is the construction report. Bill Mooney.

20 BILL MOONEY: Good morning, Chairman,
21 Directors. Bill Mooney, your Chief Infrastructure
22 Officer with your construction report. Herb, can
23 you change the slide, please?

24 We'll begin today's presentation where we

1 normally do, our Jefferson Park to O'Hare signals
2 project. Next slide.

3 The project remains tight to schedule, but
4 on budget. Since we last met, we have completed
5 the installation of the Rosemont west relay
6 house -- I'm sorry. We actually completed the
7 installation of the River Road relay house. That
8 will be our second to last wayside relay house
9 we'll be installing. The last one will be at
10 Rosemont west, which is just west of Rosemont yard.

11 We have also been able to successfully
12 complete the cutover of Harlem relay house. We're
13 running on the new audio system there as well as
14 the interlocking is back in service at this point.
15 Couple photos to look at. Next slide, please.

16 The new River Road relay house installed.
17 It's right on the edge of the highway up near River
18 Road street. Next slide.

19 And this is Old Mannheim. So Old Mannheim
20 will be our next relay house we're looking to cut
21 over. It will be towards the end of this month and
22 they're completing up the wiring of that house with
23 the field apparatuses so they can start
24 commissioning that. Next slide, please.

1 Part of this project with the heavy
2 infrastructure work we've been doing, we're
3 actually going to be doing some traction power
4 work, the small portion of the scope near Foster
5 middle track, which is close to Jefferson Park
6 where we'll be installing new negative connections
7 to the Edmunds substation. They've done a bunch of
8 the underground work and we'll be coming in in the
9 upcoming weeks to actually pull that cable and
10 terminate it. This is part of how we actually
11 provide the power kind of loop. We provide power,
12 positive energy up to the third rail, and we take
13 back negative energy from the train and to the
14 running rails and it runs back through a separate
15 cable path to our substations there. This is a
16 really important part of our upgrade as we continue
17 to make improvements to the Blue Line so that we
18 can run our 7000 fleets out there. Next slide,
19 please.

20 The next project is our transformer
21 replacement project, which is still on schedule and
22 on budget. We are moving forward at Franklin
23 substation with the completion of transformer two
24 replacements and they've started the installation

1 of the last transformer in this project,
2 transformer number three.

3 A couple photos of the work on transformer
4 number two. As I mentioned in previous months,
5 these -- these ones at Franklin are unique, they
6 are oil type. Here you can see a photo of
7 transformer number two where they're draining the
8 old oil out of that transformer before it gets
9 removed. Next slide.

10 Here, the new transformer number two is
11 being craned in place. You can see the last
12 transformer kind of to the right of the screen
13 there. That's the one that they're currently
14 working on.

15 One has now been installed, tested, and is
16 in service. So Franklin is running on two of three
17 transformers, both of which are the brand new ones.
18 Next slide, please.

19 My next project is our Refresh and Renewed
20 program. Since we last met, we completed work at
21 Belmont on the Red Line and begun work at Polk on
22 the Pink Line and we're progressing forward with
23 the commitment of 35 stations.

24 Here's some photos of the work that has

1 recently occurred. Here at Belmont, these are the
2 cut metal signage at the beginning of the entrance.
3 They're backlit signs that have been out of -- kind
4 of the back lighting behind it has been out for a
5 while. So they took down the covers, replaced it
6 all with LED lighting. It's now bright and stands
7 out as you walk up upon the station. As well as
8 replaced the overhead lighting above those signs to
9 LEDs. Next slide.

10 Here, you can see a before-after of kind
11 of that LED replacement at station house level.
12 You can get a sense of how much more clean and
13 bright and comfortable that environment is with the
14 brighter LEDs and a fresh coat of paint. Next
15 slide.

16 Here's a before-after of the platform. So
17 the platform on the left is still the T8s, the
18 original kind of fluorescent light tubes that were
19 there, and now the platform on the right of the
20 screen is the LEDs. So you get a real sense of
21 what's the difference the customer experiences with
22 kind of that changeover, that lighting upgrade with
23 a refresh coat of paint and a refreshed
24 environment. Next slide.

1 Here's some other kind of improvements at
2 the station. They've completely cleaned and
3 repaired the stairwells, replaced all the signage.
4 You can see kind of the faded accessible entrance
5 signage as well as the braille that was damaged has
6 been upgraded and replaced as part of this. Next
7 slide, please.

8 Here's some -- the lighting upgrades at
9 Polk on the Pink Line. This is the exterior of the
10 station. You can see the difference kind of in the
11 lighting. They've actually changed up the full
12 fixture on the one side to newer style fixture.
13 Next slide.

14 Here is the stairs. So, Director Irvine,
15 to your call, Polk actually had an early version of
16 contrasting stair treads, which is something we've
17 talked a lot with the ADA Committee about and
18 advisory council. We've been trying a series of
19 products to kind of make it our standard going
20 forward.

21 Here, they had simply over the years
22 painted them. So we actually restored that painted
23 tread as part of this. You know, it doesn't last
24 for the long-term, but for the purposes of our

1 program and a five-year renewal cycle, we should be
2 able to pick it up here and see the big difference
3 that makes on the stairs. Next slide.

4 And here's the exterior painting. So I
5 show you lots of slides of the interior of the
6 station, but here's kind of the customer-facing
7 frontage as you come up upon the station as well as
8 community exposure, both to the station and the
9 columns that support the elevated platforms above
10 the station there. It's a big difference kind of
11 in our good -- our good neighbor experience, as
12 well as just kind of as customers walk up on the
13 station and what they see as that first impression.
14 Next slide.

15 My last project today is our Jackson Park
16 track and structural renewal process. The work is
17 continuing on budget and on schedule. It's mostly
18 focused on the area between 59th Street and
19 61st Street. Next slide, please.

20 We've been doing tie and rail renewal in
21 this area. I've shown you some photos previously
22 of the ties going in. We've actually spent a lot
23 of time recently doing rail renewal, replacing the
24 original 90-pound rail, which was the last of its

1 existence on our system, to modern standard
2 115-pound rail. That talks about how big the
3 section of rail is. It's the weight of a
4 three-pound section of it and it deals with the
5 width of the base of the rail as well as the height
6 of it. A more standard industry rail at this
7 point. Next slide.

8 Here's some of the structural work. You
9 can see some of the deterioration of the components
10 that they're in the process of replacing on the
11 photos on the right, as well as some of the work
12 being cleaned up on the left.

13 And I'll be glad to take any questions at
14 this time.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you, Bill.

16 Chairman Barclay, do you have any
17 questions for Bill?

18 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: I do not.

19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: All right. Director
20 Jakes, any questions for Bill?

21 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.

22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva?

23 DIRECTOR SILVA: No questions.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

1 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

2 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

3 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions. But, Bill,
4 thank you so much for mentioning the stairs and for
5 refreshing that. Looks good.

6 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales, any
7 questions for Bill?

8 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: No questions, but I
9 really appreciate the before and after
10 comparatives. It -- you could tell the major
11 difference. So thanks for doing that. I know I've
12 used some of them and you don't realize such a
13 difference until you see the two together. So
14 thanks for that.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you.

16 Chairman Barclay, we're finished with
17 questions then for Bill Mooney.

18 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, Mr. Mooney.

19 We will now call on Chris Bushell and Juan
20 Pablo Prieto to make their RPM and Diversity
21 presentations. I'm sorry.

22 CHRIS BUSHELL: Thank you, Chairman.

23 Chris Bushell, your Chief RPM Officer.
24 RPM continues on budget and tight to schedule.

1 Next slide, please. Next slide.

2 So we are continuing to -- it is a
3 design-build project. We are continuing to design
4 on this project, although approaching a closeout of
5 that effort. Major structural and systems design
6 is completing with a signaling system to follow.

7 The construction of the bypass is very
8 active at the moment. We're moving forward on
9 several fronts. We're building temporary track
10 structure just to the west and north of Belmont
11 station. That will facilitate some later staging
12 associated with it.

13 The bypass itself, we continue to -- we
14 have built the foundations, the super structure,
15 we've poured the primary slab on top of the bridge.
16 Now we're really getting ready to install the track
17 system and then subsequently traction power and
18 signaling. That effort -- the bypass will conclude
19 itself in the late fall of this year with our
20 milestone one.

21 Other areas of work in terms of the
22 pre-stage or the work that was in presentation for
23 the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr segment, that work is
24 really in punch list. We had a big internal

1 milestone in the project in the middle of May where
2 we closed down four stations, opened two temporary
3 stations, and completed much of the signaling
4 that's required to really build the two major
5 bridges that are associated and the four
6 stations -- new stations with the Lawrence to Bryn
7 Mawr area.

8 So pre-stage really ensured us in closeout
9 with some important milestones and we had a nice
10 press event. Thank you very much, Dorval, with a
11 number of elected officials. As well, I'll show
12 pictures of that in a moment.

13 Then as I mentioned, the larger Lawrence
14 to Bryn Mawr effort is getting started
15 predominantly on the north end in the area of Bryn
16 Mawr, just to the north of Bryn Mawr actually,
17 where we're doing various pieces of demolition.
18 We've removed most of the track up in that area on
19 tracks three and four where we're going to be
20 building the first of the two bridges and we're
21 starting to do various pieces of demolition
22 associated with the heavy structure in that area.
23 Next slide.

24 So the press event went very well. We had

1 various elected officials including Alderman
2 Osterman, Mayor Lightfoot, Senator Durbin, and
3 others. It worked out very well. I think everyone
4 had a good event as we kick off some of the heavy
5 civil construction in the -- demolition and
6 construction in the area of Lawrence to Bryn Mawr.
7 One of the three major components of Red Purple
8 Modernization. Next.

9 Critical as we go into this next stage and
10 see lots of demolition and potential community
11 impacts is working with the aldermen. So one of
12 the things we did is we opened up the stations to
13 give the alderman a tour. He actually rode the
14 first train that was alternatively routed in that
15 extended reroute on tracks one and two. So here we
16 are greeting him at the entrance to the Bryn Mawr
17 temporary station. Next slide.

18 So I mentioned on Red Purple Modernization
19 that we are starting do the track construction and
20 the track plinth. There are actually two major
21 concrete pours associated with this bridge and the
22 deck. So first we pour the deck, which is really a
23 slab on top of the new steel structure. And then
24 on top of that slab, we actually pour the track

1 system. So you here -- see here someone coming in
2 and doing some of the form work associated with
3 that pour. Next slide.

4 Signal testing. Signal testing. Signal
5 testing. You know, we will see a number of
6 pictures both from RPM as well as Your New Blue
7 showing the insides of signal relay houses. This
8 is a very complicated piece of work for us, both to
9 get those houses installed, to get them fully
10 wired, and then to very carefully commission them
11 prior to being put into full service.

12 So you see here, this is a train going
13 through an existing interlocking. It's really --
14 this is a test train. It is the closing stages of
15 the commissioning effort of the area of Thorndale
16 and that was prior to us opening the two-track
17 operation and the start of the construction of the
18 Lawrence to Bryn Mawr segment. Next.

19 I mentioned the Bryan Mawr temporary
20 station entrance. I just wanted to show some
21 photographs. There have been a number of those
22 kind of leading up to this, but this was I think a
23 good one showing this temporary station. I think a
24 good effort. It is built of wood, which is not our

1 standard, but I think it shows a nice face to the
2 community and that we're really trying hard to make
3 sure the temporary stations are comfortable and
4 useable and in elements where we can, actually
5 accessible. We don't have vertical accessibility,
6 but where we could make sure the handrails and
7 other elements were accessible, we did here. So
8 next slide.

9 Further details of the Bryn Mawr temporary
10 station entrance. This is one of two for the Bryn
11 Mawr station. This is for southbound customers.
12 They are split. We do have lots of signage up
13 there explaining that to our customers. If you're
14 going southbound, you'll go to this station. If
15 you're going northbound, you would enter near the
16 existing station. And that's because of the
17 demolition that's required in order to replace that
18 station in the end. Next slide.

19 Temporary platform. Again, a wood
20 platform. We usually build out a concrete, but in
21 order to provide our customers with service at this
22 critical juncture here, as we said, we closed four
23 of the stations and opened up two temporary ones
24 and this is one of those platforms. This is the

1 southbound platform at Bryn Mawr. Next.

2 Argyle temporary platform as well. We did
3 the same thing at Argyle. We closed the existing
4 station or parts of it and then created other
5 platforms in other places so that we could build in
6 the footprint of the old, closed stations and then
7 open the new ones at the end of this next stage of
8 construction from Lawrence to Bryn Mawr. Next
9 slide.

10 Public outreach. We have had a bit of a
11 lull because we had so much effort going into
12 public outreach going into the station -- to the
13 start of that stage A from Lawrence to Bryn Mawr.
14 But, nonetheless, we continue to provide updates to
15 the 44th Ward. As we have started that heavy civil
16 construction up in the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr area,
17 there are of course a number of areas where we're
18 closing alleys and other streets and we make sure
19 that we're getting out in those areas and doing
20 public meetings to talk about the options relative
21 to parking alternatives, garbage pickups, and other
22 features that we'll be providing as those streets
23 and alleys are closed.

24 We had done some ambassador research at

1 the start of this just to make sure that our
2 customers know that we're out there. And all of us
3 have volunteered to go into the stations and hand
4 out various pieces of material associated with the
5 start of the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr effort. So that
6 has been -- the ambassador effort has gone for --
7 ahead of the May 16th date when we did the
8 closures.

9 We've done some various door hanger
10 distributions to make sure we have a broad outreach
11 to the community. So following up on other
12 initiatives that we had to kind of broaden the
13 depths of understanding and the impacts -- the
14 knowledge of the impacts associated with RPM.

15 We have released some videos that kind of
16 clarify how the stations are configured and provide
17 information to our customers about how to use those
18 stations and we have done a media roundtable as
19 well, just talking to the media about the
20 construction and the impacts.

21 As well, we continue aggressively with the
22 SBE and DBE effort. And with that, I'll turn it
23 over to Juan Pablo Prieto to talk in more detail of
24 that effort.

1 J. P. PRIETO: Thanks, Chris.

2 We continue to meet monthly with the
3 contractor to discuss DBE and workforce outreach
4 and compliance. On May 3rd, Walsh-Fluor hosted
5 their second to last installment of the Tracks to
6 Trades program in collaboration with Chicago Public
7 Schools' CTE program. This specific installment
8 focused on the benefit of apprenticeship through
9 career development in the trades and featured a
10 presentation from the Operating Engineers Local
11 150.

12 On May 6th, Walsh-Fluor concluded their
13 Tracks to Trades program. Their final presentation
14 featured content from a local bank to discuss the
15 importance of financial planning and literacy while
16 starting in the trades and allowed for students to
17 engage directly with various representatives from
18 the construction industry in both the public and
19 private sectors.

20 The students that participated received an
21 extensive and comprehensive pamphlet. At the
22 conclusion of the Tracks to Trades series, we
23 provided contact information and high-level
24 summaries of the various employment tracks featured

1 in the series.

2 Also on May 6th, we held our second
3 quarter 2021 session of our Building Small
4 Businesses program, our financial capacity program.
5 We hosted 12 one-on-one assessments for those firms
6 to discuss how to pursue capital to pursue more
7 work. To date, we have assisted over 20 firms in
8 securing over \$5.5 million in capital, including
9 COVID relief dollars. Next slide, please.

10 This month we wanted to highlight a few
11 employees that are working through the contractor
12 on RPM as a result of the workforce goals CTA
13 placed on the contract.

14 First we have Erica Ramos, a third-year
15 carpenter apprentice from Little Village. She was
16 a second-year apprentice and earned the hours she
17 needed to move into third-year through RPM. She is
18 WIOA enrolled and rode by the new Red Purple bypass
19 site for over 15 years and is now working on the
20 construction of that bypass.

21 Next we have Pierre Stark, a third-year
22 ironworker apprentice from Englewood. As many
23 trade workers, Pierre got into the trade to make
24 money. CTA's workforce goals aim to provide good,

1 middle class paying jobs to career seekers.

2 Finally we have Shane Ducusin, a
3 first-year carpenter apprentice who is also WIOA
4 enrolled. Shane came to the project through one of
5 our workforce partners, HIRE360, and has worked on
6 various portions of the projects. Shane said she
7 always wanted to work in construction and didn't
8 know girls could. Again, CTA's workforce goals are
9 providing opportunities for underrepresented
10 communities in the construction industry.

11 Next slide, please. Lastly today, we
12 would like to update the Board on the Elevating
13 Futures Scholarship. As a reminder, Walsh-Fluor
14 committed to a scholarship fund as part of their
15 proposal for RPM and CTA worked with the
16 contractor, CPS, and Chicago Scholars to form the
17 Elevating Futures Scholarship that focuses on CPS
18 students from economically disadvantaged areas
19 pursuing degrees in STEM.

20 This year's winners are Sabine Rodriguez
21 from Hegewisch, who will study mechanical
22 engineering at Purdue University; Ricky Ho from
23 Bridgeport, who will be studying computer science
24 at the University of Michigan; and Axel Hernandez

1 from Back of the Yards, who will be studying
2 business administration and is deciding between
3 DePaul and Loyola.

4 That concludes my portion of the report.
5 Happy to answer any questions.

6 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you both, Chris and
7 Juan Pablo, for that excellent presentation.

8 Chairman Barclay, do you have any
9 questions for either?

10 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: I don't have any
11 questions.

12 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you. Director
13 Silva, do you have any questions?

14 DIRECTOR SILVA: No, I don't.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

16 DIRECTOR JAKES: I have a question for Juan
17 Pablo. How many years have they been doing the
18 Elevating Futures Scholarship?

19 J. P. PRIETO: This is our second year awarding
20 scholarships.

21 DIRECTOR JAKES: Okay. Can you send me last
22 year's winners as well please?

23 J. P. PRIETO: Yes. I can send that to you.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you.

1 J. P. PRIETO: Thank you.

2 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller, any
3 questions?

4 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

6 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yeah. A couple quick
7 questions for you, Chris. For the Bryn Mawr
8 temporary station, it looked like there was no
9 accessible fare gate in the station. So is the
10 plan for access for anyone who can't use the -- the
11 Roto-Gate to just go through the other gate with
12 help from the customer assistant?

13 CHRIS BUSHELL: Yeah, but I think it has
14 subsequently been replaced with one. I can verify
15 that.

16 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Okay. Then also, the second
17 one is, can you also verify that there's a gap
18 filler at that station?

19 CHRIS BUSHELL: I will. I believe there is,
20 but I will confirm both.

21 DIRECTOR IRVINE: All right. Cool. Thank you
22 so much.

23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales, do
24 you have any questions or comments?

1 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: I guess just
2 comments. Everything seems to be very well
3 received by the public, at least from what I'm
4 hearing and on a big picture and it sounds like the
5 individual work that you're doing with the citizens
6 in that area also seems to be going well. So, you
7 know, really happy to see that. I thought the
8 rollout was great. The PR we got out of that was
9 very well received. So kudos on that hard work.
10 Thank you.

11 CHRIS BUSHELL: Thank you.

12 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That concludes all the
13 questions for the construction report, Chairman
14 Barclay.

15 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of
16 business is new business, Greg. Is there any new
17 business?

18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: No, sir. There is not.

19 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Since there is no further
20 business to come before the Board, may I have a
21 motion to adjourn?

22 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.

23 DIRECTOR JAKES: Second.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is moved by

1 Director Irvine and seconded by Director Jakes. I
2 will now take our final roll call vote of the day.

3 Director Silva?

4 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

6 DIRECTOR JAKES: I don't know, Greg. We've got
7 a few minutes left to make 1:00 o'clock. Kidding.
8 Yes.

9 DIRECTOR MILLER: I'm going to pray for him.

10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Back to new business then.
11 I think that was a yes, Director Jakes?

12 DIRECTOR JAKES: That was a yes.

13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Okay. Director Miller?

14 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

16 DIRECTOR IRVINE: I mean, if we were just like
17 a few minutes shy of a record, then I would say I
18 agree with you, Director Jakes, but not knowing
19 what the record is, I'm going to have to say yes.

20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: All right. That's a yes
21 from Director Irvine.

22 Director Alva Rosales?

23 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: Yes. And I want to
24 thank the senior staff for the flowers. I just got

1 the flowers. So thank you. Thank you so much.

2 SECRETARY LONGHINI: They kind of match your
3 coloring there. And that's a yes?

4 VICE CHAIR ALVA ROSALES: That's a yes.

5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That's a yes.

6 Chairman Barclay?

7 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes. And thank you for
8 helping me get through this first meeting. All of
9 you, thank you so much.

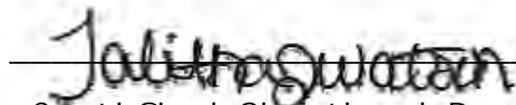
10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: We were happy to do it.
11 And so that motion to adjourn passes with
12 six-nothing and I think all of you deserve a good
13 lunch. Thank you.

14 (Which were all the proceedings
15 had in the above-entitled
16 cause.)

17 (Meeting adjourned at
18 12:56 p.m.)

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