

1 CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
2 MEETING of the  
3 CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD  
4 COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING DELIVERY

5 Held on  
6 May 13, 2020  
7 At  
8 9:30 o'clock a.m.  
9 Via Webex Teleconference

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14 STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had  
15 in the above-entitled cause via teleconference,  
16 Director Kevin Irvine presiding.

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**ATTENDEES:**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

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



1 MR. LONGHINI: Okay. Thank you.

2 Good morning. This is Greg Longhini. I  
3 am the Board Secretary of the Chicago Transit  
4 Board. I would like to note that in accordance  
5 with Executive Orders 2020-7 and 2020-10, and  
6 2020-37 issued by Governor J. B. Pritzker and  
7 further guidance issued by the Illinois Attorney  
8 General's office, this meeting will be conducted  
9 via teleconference through webex. The audio of  
10 this meeting is being streamed live on CTA's  
11 website along with closed captioning, and public  
12 comment speakers have been invited to join the  
13 teleconference and have been provided with the  
14 telephone number by our Board Secretary to do so.

15 With that, Chairman Irvine, I will turn  
16 it over to you.

17 CTTEE. CHAIR IRVINE: Thank you, Greg.

18 Good morning. This is Kevin Irvine, and  
19 I would like to call to order the May 13th, 2020,  
20 meeting of the Committee on Strategic Planning and  
21 Service Delivery.

22 Will the secretary please call the roll.

23 MR. LONGHINI: Yes.

24 Reverend Miller?



1 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Here.

2 MR. LONGHINI: Director Peterson?

3 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Here.

4 MR. LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

5 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Here.

6 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Irvine?

7 CTTEE. CHAIR IRVINE: I'm here.

8 MR. LONGHINI: Let the record -- We have a  
9 quorum, but let the record also show that Director  
10 Chevere, Jakes, and Silva are participating in  
11 this meeting, as is President Dorval Carter and  
12 General Counsel Karen Seimetz. We have a quorum.

13 CTTEE. CHAIR IRVINE: Thank you, Greg.

14 Our first order of business is the review  
15 of minutes of the July 17, 2019, and January 15th,  
16 2020, Committee minutes. The minutes were  
17 previously distributed.

18 May I have a motion to approve?

19 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: So moved.

20 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Second.

21 MR. LONGHINI: Moved by Director Alva Rosales  
22 and seconded by Director Peterson. We'll now take  
23 a roll call vote on the minutes.

24 Reverend Miller?



1 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Abstain.

2 MR. LONGHINI: Director Peterson?

3 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes.

4 MR. LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

5 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

6 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Irvine?

7 CTTEE. CHAIR IRVINE: Yes.

8 MR. LONGHINI: The motion to approve the two  
9 sets of minutes are approved with three yes votes  
10 and one abstention by Director Miller.

11 CTTEE. CHAIR IRVINE: Thank you.

12 Our next order of business is the review  
13 of an ordinance authorizing an additional  
14 experiment for Bus Route No. 31/31st. Mike  
15 Connelly will be presenting.

16 Mike.

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

19 When we briefed Board members in February  
20 about the ridership on this bus route, we were  
21 very positive and excited due to the ridership  
22 increases we had observed after the Board approved  
23 adding morning rush hour service last fall. We  
24 come back to you today in a different and more



1 uncertain situation. Staff are recommending at  
2 the current time that the Board approve a one-year  
3 extension of the current pilot service through  
4 June of 2021. With the pandemic affecting all CTA  
5 service and deeply depressing movement of all  
6 kinds, and, therefore, transit use, this is not a  
7 propitious time to make permanent changes to the  
8 CTA system, even for a well-received route like  
9 this. It will continue to serve our customers  
10 well; and given the region's status in the COVID  
11 spectrum, considerations of what the CTA system  
12 will look like post pandemic are best left to  
13 future discussions and future decisions by the  
14 Board. Staff are therefore recommending that the  
15 Board approve the ordinance before you, which  
16 would extend the current route operation for one  
17 year from mid June of 2020 through mid June of  
18 2021.

19 Thank you. I would be happy to answer  
20 any questions you have at this time.

21 MR. LONGHINI: Thank you, Mike.

22 I will now ask the Board members if they  
23 have any questions regarding this item.

24 Judge Chevere?



1 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: No questions.

2 MR. LONGHINI: Reverend Jakes?

3 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: No questions.

4 MR. LONGHINI: Reverend Miller?

5 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: No questions.

6 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Irvine?

7 CTTEE. CHAIR IRVINE: No questions, but I just  
8 want to say thank you for, you know, continuing to  
9 work on this. And I understand why we have to,  
10 you know, continue to keep it on a trial basis.  
11 So thank you. Thanks, Mike, and thanks to your  
12 team. That's all.

13 MR. LONGHINI: Thank you.

14 Director Silva?

15 DIRECTOR SILVA: No questions.

16 MR. LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

17 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: No questions, but also  
18 very happy that we're all looking at this.

19 Because it's my understanding we had had an  
20 increase from originally when we changed around  
21 the times to what we have them now. And so, you  
22 know, it's good to keep an eye on something that  
23 seems to be progressing. And hopefully after  
24 this, we'll continue to do so.



1           That's all. Thank you.

2           MR. LONGHINI: Thank you.

3           Director Peterson?

4           CHAIRMAN PETERSON: No questions.

5           MR. LONGHINI: We are finished with the  
6 questions, Director Irvine.

7           CTTEE. CHAIR IRVINE: Thank you, Greg.

8           If there are no further questions, may I  
9 have a motion to place this item on the omnibus  
10 and recommend it for Board approval?

11          DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: So moved.

12          CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Second.

13          MR. LONGHINI: Moved by Director Alva Rosales  
14 and seconded by Director Peterson. I will now  
15 take a roll call.

16          Director Miller?

17          DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Abstain.

18          MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller, this is not --  
19 this is not the minutes, so you do not have to  
20 abstain if you do not wish. So you're going to  
21 vote yes?

22          DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Yes on this one.

23          MR. LONGHINI: Okay. Director Miller votes  
24 yes.



1 Director Peterson?

2 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes.

3 MR. LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

4 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

5 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Irvine?

6 CTTEE. CHAIR IRVINE: Yes.

7 MR. LONGHINI: That motion is approved with  
8 four yes votes, sir.

9 CTTEE. CHAIR IRVINE: Thank you.

10 Since there is no further business to  
11 come before this Committee, may I have a motion to  
12 adjourn?

13 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: So moved.

14 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Second.

15 MR. LONGHINI: Motion to adjourn, Reverend  
16 Miller?

17 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Yes.

18 MR. LONGHINI: Director Peterson?

19 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes.

20 MR. LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

21 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

22 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Irvine?

23 CTTEE. CHAIR IRVINE: Yes.

24 MR. LONGHINI: The motion to adjourn is



1 approved with four yes votes, and we are  
2 adjourned.

3 CTTEE. CHAIR IRVINE: Thank you, Greg.

4 MR. LONGHINI: You're welcome, sir.

5 (Whereupon, the Meeting of the  
6 Committee on Strategic Planning  
7 and Service Delivery adjourned at  
8 9:38 o'clock a.m.)  
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5 I, TRACY JONES, being first duly sworn, on  
6 oath says that she is a court reporter doing  
7 business in the state of Illinois; and that she  
8 reported in shorthand the proceedings of said  
9 meeting, and that the foregoing is a true and  
10 correct transcript of her shorthand notes so taken  
11 as aforesaid, and contains the proceedings given  
12 at said Meeting.

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