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2 held at the offices of:

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4 CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
5 567 West Lake
6 Chicago, Illinois 60661

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AUTHORITY:

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ALSO PRESENT:

BOARD OF CTA:

Board Secretary - Georgette L Greenlee, Esquire

Board Member - Lily Diego-Johnson

Board Member - Michael Eaddy

Vice Chairman - Rev. Dr. Bernard Jakes

Chairman - Lester L Barclay

Board Member - Rosa Y Ortiz

Board Member - Roberto Requejo (VIRTUAL)

Board Member - Neema Jha

Acting President - Nora Leerhsen

Acting General Counsel - Sisavanh Baker

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SPEAKERS OF MEETING OF CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD:

Antoine Trimuel

Edward Smith

Phil Bronson

Bill Mooney

Ron Pablo

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P R O C E E D I N G S

DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Call to order the meeting of the Chicago Transit Board for June 10th, 2026. Georgette, please call the roll.

SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

DIRECTOR JHA: Here.

SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Present.

SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Here.

SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Eaddy?

DIRECTOR EADDY: Here.

SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Diego-Johnson?

DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Here.

SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay, you have a quorum.

DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Thank you. It has been brought to my attention that Director Requejo would not be participating in the meeting in person due to an illness and has requested to participate in the meeting remotely. May I have a motion to permit Director Requejo to participate

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1 in the meeting remotely due to illness?

2 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.

3 DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Second.

4 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been moved by
5 Director Ortiz, seconded by Director Diego-Johnson
6 that Director Roberto Requejo be permitted to
7 participate in the meeting remotely due to
8 illness. We'll take a roll call vote.

9 Director Jha?

10 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

11 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

12 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

13 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

14 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yes.

15 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

16 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

17 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Eaddy?

18 DIRECTOR EADDY: Yes.

19 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Diego-Johnson?

20 DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Yes.

21 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay, the
22 motion passes. Director Requejo, can you hear us?

23 MR. REQUEJO: Yes. Thank you, everyone.

24 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Welcome.

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1 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Our next order of
2 business is public comments. Georgette?

3 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay, we
4 have four public comments for today. I will
5 introduce each one of our speakers. I -- I know
6 that we have three of them here.

7 And I would say to our speakers,
8 welcome to our CTA board meeting. You do have
9 three minutes within which to make your comments.
10 And it's -- and that -- and you will be timed. So
11 I'll let you know when you have your -- when
12 you're at your last ten seconds, but that means
13 wrap it up. And our first public comment speaker
14 is Antoine Trimuel from Local Union 241.

15 MR. TRIMUEL: Good morning, Board.
16 Good morning to all.

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Good morning.
18 Morning.

19 MR. TRIMUEL: Before I start today,
20 I'll just introduce my name. My name is Antoine
21 Trimuel. I am a 241 employee, but also I'm a CTA
22 employee. I'm an operator here of 25 years. I'm
23 also on the Joint Labor Safety Committee.
24 Regarding the situation, I'm talking about safety

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1 today, but before I get into my safety
2 conversation, I do want to give you all some facts.

3 The last safety bill that bipartisan
4 and CTA 241 passed, the unions abstained from that
5 vote. No one from management actually came to ask
6 us why. They passed the vote. Just want to let
7 that information be known to the board
8 collectively. The last time we actually heard
9 from the management was March 19th. It is June.
10 I'll continue on the line. Still, I'm sorry.

11 Other thing I want to say: as an
12 employee here, I want to know, I've spoken to the
13 board last time I never received a phone call. I
14 want to understand why I'm not receiving phone
15 calls, not only my counterpart as well, regarding
16 what we speaking about. I don't know if this is a
17 new procedure, but I am an operator. I cannot
18 answer my phone while I'm working. That is an
19 automatic no-no.

20 I'm appearing before you today to
21 address concern confronting the CTA Transit
22 Authority. This issue has not only affected 241
23 and its members, but it's affected riding public,
24 but it's not a concern to the riding public. As

1 you are aware, CTA has been operating with an
2 interim president. The lack of a permanent
3 president has created a vacuum in leadership and
4 CTA fails to address the significant issues of
5 safety and violence directed toward employees and
6 the riding public. While broad announcements have
7 been made, what really has occurred, other than
8 demonstrating the lack of attention to the issue.
9 ATU 241 has partnered with CTA to address
10 countless issues facing the CTA.

11 Among them was COVID and the funding
12 crisis. ATU was one of the most active voices in
13 Springfield during these discussions. To resolve
14 and find a solution for the CTA legislations have
15 admitted that ATU locals provided a key insight to
16 the operations of the CTA and service it performs
17 for the public. Many admitted that the but -- the
18 presence of our local union has been a solution to
19 the funding crisis.

20 It has real life experienced members of
21 ATU brought to the table and was recognized for
22 the value when problems and issues were discussed
23 and legislators recognized who lived through the
24 problems and can speak best. One of the major

1 issues that CTA in the past has partnered with the
2 unions and it's members was a safety. It was
3 addressed at the highest level of CTA. The
4 president's office during this period, the lack of
5 permanent president of Local 241 has consistently
6 been excluded from the discussions. Management
7 union safety meetings have not been held. Issues
8 of the member and the riding face have brought to
9 CTA every day and have been ignored.

10 The safety report of CTA prepared by
11 the federal government was prepared by the CTA
12 without any input from the local unions, these
13 membership face these very safety issues and very
14 concerns to be addressed. These are the persons
15 who understand the safety issues and live them
16 every day. These are the same person who bring
17 real life experience to find the solutions and
18 making recommendations. These are the people who
19 face the facts that have firsthand knowledge.
20 These are the people who can say what's really
21 happening every day on the route, range from those
22 who are significantly affected a matter of
23 incidents. I am that person. I am these peoples.
24 Yet the CTA highest office has failed

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1 to give a minute of discussion time for people who
2 have the best understanding and live these issues.

3 The failure to include the group --

4 SECRETARY GREENLEE: You have 10 seconds.

5 MR. TRIMUEL: -- the group and it
6 consists of CTA's higher level management want to
7 give lip service to the problems, making broad
8 statements, and suit policies that make splashes
9 appear both public and large federal government
10 revenue and find real solutions.

11 SECRETARY GREENLEE: And that's time.

12 MR. TRIMUEL: Thank you for your time.

13 DIRECTOR JAKES: Can you give a -- that
14 letter to Georgette? A copy of it?

15 MR. TRIMUEL: Sure. That's not a
16 problem.

17 DIRECTOR JAKES: Because I like -- I'd like
18 a copy of that letter.

19 MR. TRIMUEL: There's no problem, sir.

20 DIRECTOR JAKES: Thank you, ma'am.
21 Appreciate you.

22 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Thank you. Our next
23 public comment speaker is Edward Smith from Local
24 Union 241.

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1 MR. SMITH: Good morning, everyone.

2 BOARD MEMBERS: Good morning.

3 Good morning.

4 MR. SMITH: Great day. Little nervous,
5 first time.

6 My name is Edward Smith. I'm a member
7 of the (indiscernible) board of Local 241. I'm
8 appearing for you today to address significant
9 concerns affecting the Chicago Transit Authority.
10 This issue has not only affected Local 241 and its
11 members, but has also impacted the safety of the
12 riding public and it created operational
13 challenges throughout the CTA.

14 As we are well aware, the CTA has been
15 operating under an interim president for a
16 (indiscernible) period of time. The absence of a
17 permanent president has created uncertainty in
18 leadership and decision making, leaving many
19 significant issues unaddressed.

20 One of the most critical concerns
21 facing the CTA today is the training of both new
22 and experience operators. Proper training is
23 essential to preventing accidents, ensuring public
24 safety, and reducing the CTA's liability exposure.

1 Effective training also helps retain operators by
2 preparing them to handle the demanding realities
3 of daily services, including heavy traffic,
4 different operator conditions, and intersections
5 with the public -- interacting with the public.

6 In the option of both newly hired
7 operators and those who have dedicated years of
8 service to -- of the CTA, the current leadership
9 vacuum has contributed to serious deficiencies
10 within the training department. A department that
11 was once regarded as a model for operator
12 instructions have fell -- fallen into disarray.

13 For many years, members of ATU Local
14 241, have not only participated in training, but
15 have also served as instructors and mentors to new
16 operators. These experienced professionals have
17 played a vital role in preparing employees for
18 safety and efficiently performing their duties.
19 However, today, many instructors report that they
20 have never witnessed so many issues within the
21 department. The training department is widely
22 viewed as being a state of disorder.

23 New hires are not receiving the proper
24 training that instructors believe is necessary for

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1 the success. As a result, the new operator are
2 being placed into service unprepared for many
3 challenges they will face. Preventable accidents
4 are increasing and the recommendations of
5 experienced instructors are too often ignored.
6 These concerns are not isolated complaints. They
7 are being raised by instructors and operators
8 throughout the CTA who have committed to ensuring
9 that employees receive the training and support
10 necessary to perform the job safely and
11 professionally.

12 The current situation affects not only
13 CTA employees, but also the passengers in the
14 community we serve. Thank you for your time and
15 consideration.

16 Thank you.

17 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Thank you.

18 DIRECTOR JAKES: Same thing, could you send
19 a copy of that to Georgette?

20 MR. SMITH: Yes, sir.

21 DIRECTOR JAKES: Okay.

22 MR. SMITH: All right.

23 DIRECTOR JAKES: Thank you.

24 MR. SMITH: Thank you for your time.

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1 DIRECTOR JAKES: Thank you, ma'am.

2 MS. LEERHSEN: I'd like to thank you
3 both for attending and being here. I know staff
4 from my office reached out just this week even to
5 connect and -- and hear more about these issues.
6 I'm happy to keep the board updated on the
7 conversations that are taking place and the focus
8 on these very critical issues. I appreciate you
9 raising them. I appreciate you coming and giving
10 your perspective of these discussions.

11 I do want the board to know and the
12 public to know that the security report was
13 founded not just in one conversation of input from
14 our employees, but in years of understanding of
15 what they were looking to see. I'm happy to lay
16 that out. But the bus approach to security was
17 100 percent put together with employees in mind
18 and the demands over a long period of time for
19 more police presence on buses in key routes that
20 were identified specifically with input from
21 employees. So I want people to understand that.
22 If that's not understood by anyone at any level,
23 we can do a better job of making that clear and
24 I'm committed to doing that.

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1 So I just wanted to recognize that.
2 Recognize that I've spoken with your president on
3 several occasions about many of the issues you've
4 raised. I'll committed -- I'm committed to
5 continuing those conversations.

6 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Thank you.

7 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Thank you. If you can
8 hold on for one second --

9 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yeah. I'm sorry.

10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: -- I'm getting a card
11 for you.

12 Our next public comment speaker is Mr.
13 Phil Bronson. I do have a copy of Mr. Bronson's
14 statement that I'm going to also distribute to
15 members of the board and to Acting President
16 Leerhsen and to Acting General Counsel Baker.

17 Mr. Bronson, you do have -- Bronson,
18 you have three minutes.

19 MR. BRONSON: Good morning. CTA board
20 members and everyone here in the -- in the room.
21 I'm Phil Bronson, Phil Positive. I'm Phil, Phil
22 Positive Bronson. I'm a IDW electrician since
23 1979. And I thank you for allowing me to be here
24 to -- to talk with the board.

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1 History have a way of connecting
2 everybody. And the further you go back in
3 history, the closer we all seem to get. Did you
4 know in the late 1940s, my dad was a conductor on
5 the streetcars? My mom would always talk about,
6 he said -- she would say, they really like your
7 dad. And if he had to stay with CTA,
8 (indiscernible) chairman, he would've made
9 chairman. They really liked him.

10 I'm here to talk about my company. I'm
11 with Target Electric. We're a Indie DBE
12 electrical contractor established in 1991. My
13 dream in 1966, I was six years old, I was inspired
14 by a neighbor. I grew up in Altgeld Gardens and
15 inspired to be an electrician. Became
16 electrician. We started a business out of the
17 basement. We -- I'm here as it relates to
18 something that happened -- something that happened
19 on a construction site. We worked with a prime
20 electrical contractor, Aldridge Electric for a
21 number of years.

22 There was an accident back in 2006 with
23 an Aldridge Electric employee. And I'm here to
24 talk about the aftermath that followed, which was

1 fraud, corruption practices, and coverup by
2 Aldridge Electric established 1952, Chicago
3 Transit Authority and their representatives on a
4 CTA 2006 substation project. Where ADI was listed
5 as the -- by the owner, CTA, as the general
6 contractor. Both parties engaged in illegal
7 blatant activities in an Illinois courtroom to
8 secretly besmirch Target Electric, my family's
9 business.

10 Target became aware of this in 2001.
11 The Court found whatever happened within the Court
12 from 2006 to 2011, Target didn't find out about
13 this until 2021. Just happened to be on the
14 internet and all of a sudden I'm like, what is
15 this about our business?

16 So here's where we are. We've
17 submitted some emails to some of the board
18 members, the chairman, the acting general counsel,
19 president here, and a couple other parties.
20 Here's what we're looking for. And based on what
21 happened, this was quintessential wrongdoing and
22 breach of trust, a moral imperative. TEI
23 respectfully seeks from owner Chicago Transit
24 Authority redress and generational financial

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1 damages for TEI's name, brand, reputation,
2 opportunities, financial hardship, pain, suffering.

3 Number one, formal apology letter to
4 TEI, federal, state, local governments, from
5 entities -- entities involved in the fraud,
6 corruption, and the cover-up. Number two,
7 falsehoods and information permanently removed
8 from the internet regarding Target Electric, you
9 know, in a negative way, and a letter which states
10 the truth to be issued on the internet. A \$150
11 million lump sum -- lump sum payment to Target
12 Electric for all of the things that we experience
13 as it relates to impacting our minority business.

14 SECRETARY GREENLEE: You have ten seconds.

15 MR. BRONSON: I started an initiative
16 to inspire people. I want everyone to take a look
17 at it. It's philpositiveglobal.com. I started
18 Phil Positive as it relates to trying to get
19 people to feel positive about what they want to do
20 in life. So take a look at it.
21 Philpositiveglobal.com.

22 SECRETARY GREENLEE: And that's time.

23 MR. BRONSON: And I'm Phil Positive.
24 Thank you.

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1 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Thank you.

2 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Thank you. Thank you to
3 all of our speakers this morning. Certainly
4 appreciate your input.

5 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay, may I
6 call out the last name?

7 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yes.

8 SECRETARY GREENLEE: I don't see her, but I
9 just want to make sure.

10 Patricia Puente.

11 Okay. That concludes our public
12 comment speakers for today.

13 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Thank you.

14 Our next item of business on the agenda
15 is our president's report, which will be given by
16 our acting president, Nora Leerhsen.

17 MS. LEERHSEN: Thank you, Chairman,
18 directors. Good morning. I wanted to start off
19 by kind of painting a picture of our last weekend
20 at CTA, because I think it really lays out the
21 complexity and the amount of work going on across
22 so many departments at any given time as we enter
23 this summer season. So I wanted to take a few
24 minutes to thank employees and management for that

1 work. As many of you know, over the past weekend,
2 and again coming up this weekend, we're doing
3 critical work on our Red Line subway. And I
4 visited those nighttime crews on Saturday night to
5 observe the work and to thank them for that work.

6 And I wanted to kind of explain to the
7 public, because I think they see an impact to
8 service but may not understand the benefits that
9 are coming from this work. So this is key
10 critical work on our tracks that in just the
11 coming weeks will improve travel times, make
12 faster trains. It's also been strategically laid
13 out in order to improve and upkeep our stations
14 all at the same time in a very concentrated way.

15 So on Saturday night, I was out and
16 thanking, in the heat, our infrastructure
17 department employees, coordinators, road masters,
18 track workers, machinists, laborers, line workers,
19 signal maintainers, foremen. I wanted to give a
20 sense to everyone of the work that goes on when we
21 close down that subway until we open it back up.
22 It's hard, intensive work. I wanted to thank all
23 of them for all of it and get customers excited
24 for the benefits they're going to see in just the

1 coming weeks.

2 Of course, on the operations side, they
3 adjust to that very complex impact and run bus
4 shuttles. We rode our Red Line trains over the
5 elevated tracks all weekend. And I also went out
6 to Fullerton to speak to and thank the
7 supervisors, the bus operators, the customer
8 service assistants, the rail operators, management
9 across all of those departments for executing that
10 flawlessly. We had shuttles running nonstop all
11 weekend in a very effective way. So I want to
12 thank the operations team for all of that work as
13 well.

14 We're headed into a busy summer season
15 where we're also looking to upgrade our aging
16 infrastructure in this very strategic way, and I'm
17 excited about the impacts and the work that'll
18 happen, because as a reminder, we're moving
19 hundreds of thousands of riders amidst all of that
20 work, and we're excited about what it brings to
21 the city and the region overall.

22 From a ridership perspective, I want to
23 note that the frequent network investments last
24 year continue to support really meaningful

1 ridership growth, and we've reached a really
2 important milestone in just these past few weeks
3 that our bus ridership is 90 percent of our
4 pre-COVID level. So I'm going to say that again.
5 On our bus side, we're running 90 percent of the
6 ridership that we did pre-COVID. And that's a
7 really exciting milestone coming from our
8 employees, coming from our security efforts, and
9 our investments in our system and service.

10 We're going to be making even more
11 investments in bus service, with four more routes
12 joining the frequent network starting this fall,
13 and this summer we're going to have later bus
14 service and more weekend service on routes across
15 the network to help everyone enjoy Chicago
16 summertime activities.

17 The growth in weekend ridership that
18 we're seeing is also notable. We have now
19 actually surpassed pre-COVID ridership on our
20 weekend days, and that shows that people's travel
21 patterns are changing, that people are using CTA
22 for a variety of activities as well. Over the
23 last five years, recreational trips have grown
24 nine percentage points on CTA, entertainment trips

1 have grown seven percentage points, and airport
2 trips have grown four percentage points. We track
3 this ridership closely to meet the needs of
4 customers and see where they're traveling and
5 where they need more service. So I'm happy to say
6 that we're continuing to see the benefits of that
7 work, and we'll continue to invest in a way that
8 inspires that ridership.

9 With regards to the always important
10 topic of crime and security on CTA, I'm here to
11 report that we are continuing to see sustained
12 positive progress on that front. After reporting
13 notable drops in crime last month, I can tell you
14 that the Chicago Police Department's most recent
15 press release makes clear crime continues to drop
16 across the CTA.

17 In fact, CTA crime is down for the
18 fifth straight month in a row, with notable drops
19 across eight of the last ten months. So this is
20 not just now, it stretches back several months.
21 We are not going to let up on this front. But I
22 do want to lay out for the board and the public
23 what we're tracking and the notable progress we're
24 seeing.

1 So if you look at May 2026, major crime
2 across the whole system is down 40 percent.
3 Violent crime is down 33 percent across the whole
4 system. And as I updated you last time, we're
5 looking closely at the Red Line. This is an area
6 where we've worked with our law enforcement
7 partners, with our security resources, to
8 specifically deploy to address higher numbers of
9 instances that we had seen over the past few
10 years. And on the entire line, all crime is down
11 50 percent compared to last May. Violent crime on
12 the Red Line is in fact down 77 percent.

13 And I want to give a sense of what that
14 means in -- in terms of incidents. So that means
15 whereas if you look at May 2025, we had 38
16 instances of violent crime on the CTA. May 2026,
17 we're down to single digits across the entire
18 month of May. That is an improvement and a
19 changed experience for our riders and for our
20 employees in a stretch that needed that attention
21 to support the people that rely on that service.

22 I again want to thank our law
23 enforcement partners for their strategic
24 deployment. CPD is running up to three missions a

1 day of the trip missions that we've deployed with
2 them. The Cook County Sheriff is also on the
3 system, and we're going to continue to stay in
4 close contact with them about the deployment to
5 make sure we're addressing crime across the system.

6 I do focus on the Red Line, but we are
7 seeing declines across the system and across our
8 lines in various ways. We are also continuing to
9 see declines in crime on our bus system. And I
10 want to recognize the comments and the complexity
11 of deployment on the bus system. We are very data
12 driven in terms of looking at where there are
13 increased instances on the bus.

14 We take feedback from employees and the
15 missions that we laid out and did brief the union
16 leadership on before submission of the report.
17 They actually have police officers both on the
18 vehicles and on the corridors that are a key place
19 needing attention. And we're going to continue to
20 do that, deploy in that way, and continue to get
21 feedback about where the best place to do that is.

22 Of course, it's not just law
23 enforcement, as we repeatedly say. And that's why
24 it's so notable that we are about to deploy, in

1 the coming months, a first ever for CTA Safe Ride
2 Specialist Program that will involve violence
3 intervention specialists and crisis intervention
4 specialists. So as we move forward and the board
5 will be looking at these programs in more detail
6 next month, you're going to see an additional
7 layer of a resource on CTA, and it is our hope and
8 -- and my aim that the numbers that we see will
9 continue to sustain themselves in the name of our
10 employees and our riders.

11 And as I transition to talk a little
12 bit about service, I want to talk about how
13 security and service are deeply connected, in
14 fact. So as you might imagine, service can be
15 impacted by disturbances on the system, and one of
16 the key leading indicators of major delays on our
17 system historically comes from disturbances from
18 passengers. So this work on security is improving
19 our service. We're seeing striking numbers in
20 terms of a reduction of major delays on the rail
21 system.

22 Across the whole system, they're down
23 more than 26 percent. And when you look at the
24 Red Line deployments and the crime drops there,

1 what you will see is that delays on the Red Line
2 are down nearly 50 percent because of the order
3 that has been brought by the reduction of crime.

4 And that means people are getting to
5 work on time, people are getting to their
6 recreational activities on time, their doctor's
7 appointments on time, in addition to feeling a
8 safer sense of that ride. Again, this work cannot
9 stop. This is not a victory lap. It is not over.
10 But I continue to update you on this to show you
11 how committed we all are to this absolutely
12 important issue.

13 In conclusion, I want to note the other
14 variety of activities that are happening on the
15 system. I want to thank the board for the
16 approval of the arts and culture programming that
17 launched earlier this month -- excuse me, that
18 launched in May. We had the Red Line Jazz program
19 launch at the Howard Terminal. Employees talked
20 about enjoying it. The public was there. I was
21 there. It was a really exciting event.

22 As well as we're taking applications
23 for further arts programming, and we've gotten a
24 really strong response from the public of people

1 that are excited about conducting music and arts
2 and culture on CTA. And we're really excited to
3 tell you about the continuation of that program.

4 I wanted to point out that the Red Line
5 Jazz program will continue throughout the summer.
6 So the weekend of July 4th, on July 2nd, we're
7 going to have jazz at the Sox-35th station.
8 That's -- even before that there's going to be
9 jazz just outside the Red Line 79th Street Station
10 on June 25th, and we're excited about both of
11 those aspects of programming.

12 Of course, our iconic Pride Train is
13 now out in the system and running for the month of
14 June on the Red Line. That will be an exciting
15 complement to one of our biggest ridership days
16 later this month with the Pride Parade. And we
17 also have a really exciting aspect of the opening
18 of the Obama Presidential Center later this month.

19 As you know, the board approved the
20 extension of the number 10 bus route to serve that
21 center more effectively. That's in addition to
22 eight routes on the bus that already served that.
23 And we've taken a really regional approach and are
24 working with Metra and Pace to make sure everyone

1 visiting that center is thinking about Metra, CTA,
2 and Pace as the best way to get there. So with
3 that, that concludes my remarks. Happy to discuss
4 any questions.

5 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Thank you, Nora,
6 for your report. I want to commend your team on
7 the continued progress we are seeing in ridership
8 recovery numbers, particularly on the bus side.
9 These recovery milestones are significant and
10 reflect years of work across the agency to build a
11 workforce, service, and schedules, and to
12 strengthen ridership confidence.

13 These ridership trends are particularly
14 encouraging as we head into the summer months.
15 Historically, this is a period when we've had an
16 opportunity to attract new and returning riders,
17 and I'm hopeful that the positive momentum we are
18 seeing today will continue in the months ahead. I
19 want to also acknowledge the early indicators of
20 progress you've reported with respect to security.
21 I commend the team and our sister agencies for
22 their partnership and collaboration in advancing
23 these efforts. The coordinated approach is
24 encouraging, and it demonstrates a shared

1 commitment to improving safety for our riders and
2 employees.

3 At the same time, it's important that
4 we continue to closely monitor the data and
5 feedback from riders and employees to evaluate our
6 progress. Success will require continuous
7 evaluation, accountability, and a willingness to
8 refine our approach based on what the data and
9 feedback tell us. As I mentioned during
10 briefings, I also believe there is value in
11 engaging leadership within the Court system and a
12 broader discussion regarding the importance of
13 consistency in judicial determinations on crime
14 committed on the system.

15 Public safety is a shared
16 responsibility, and public confidence is
17 strengthened when every part of the public safety
18 system is working in full alignment. Continued
19 dialogue amongst all stakeholders is essential if
20 we're going to achieve lasting improvements.

21 Lastly, with the new NITA law taken
22 effect at the beginning of this month, as board
23 chair, I am committed to working collaboratively
24 with our regional partners and fellow service

1 boards to support the law's goals of greater
2 coordination and integration across the region.

3 That said, it's important to recognize
4 that effective regional coordination depends on
5 strong local agencies. While collaboration will
6 be essential to achieving the vision of a more
7 integrated transit network, this board's
8 responsibility remains clear; to govern this
9 agency and advance its mission of providing safe,
10 reliable, and accessible service to the residents,
11 workers, and visitors of our city. Regional
12 coordination should strengthen our responsibility
13 and mission. As we move forward under this new
14 structure, we must remain focused on the unique
15 needs of the communities we serve while continuing
16 to be a constructive partner in advancing regional
17 transit goals.

18 Thank you again to you and your entire
19 team for your efforts. I look forward to
20 continued updates. At this point, I'll open it up
21 to my colleagues for any comments on the acting
22 president's report.

23 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

24 DIRECTOR JHA: Yeah. So no questions

1 really, but I echo your sentiments. A couple of
2 things. I think first thing is, I think your
3 report today is a testament that we have the power
4 to change when we act international, and when we
5 are focused on delivering results that are based
6 on an (inaudible) outcome. And I think that it's
7 the start of that journey, so thank you for
8 presenting that.

9 As I said in the briefing, I think
10 percentages are great. What would be more helpful
11 to the public and to us is including this update
12 as a business as usual for the board agenda with
13 numbers, actual numbers, in terms of incidents,
14 the numbers, any answerable stories around that in
15 terms of what we are able to prevent, and how we
16 are able to be present when things happen. I
17 think that would be super helpful.

18 The second thing I would say is the
19 proactive nature of putting transit options, like
20 the example with the Obama Presidential Center and
21 how we are coordinating that, I think that's
22 tremendous, and I know how much goes behind that.
23 So kudos on thinking ahead. And I think with the
24 time that I've been on the board, like, my

1 consistent feedback is, like, can we be more
2 proactive? Can we be more proactive? And I think
3 this is -- I -- I like seeing this, right? This
4 is -- this -- this gives me hope. We're -- we're
5 -- we're going in the right direction. So thank
6 you for that as well.

7 And the last thing I would say is,
8 like, going back to the public comment, I think we
9 need to look at some of these feedback that we're
10 getting in these -- in these, and start to put
11 together some response that are not in the moment
12 just responding, but what are we doing long term?
13 It would be good if we can look at what existing
14 trainings do we have in place. What are the
15 frequencies of those, what skills in relation to
16 what we are experiencing, and also maybe some
17 examples of what was in the past versus have
18 things changed? Like, why are there perception
19 that maybe we're not doing enough?

20 And so maybe addressing that with some
21 numbers to validate. Because I learned something
22 around, like, preventable accidents and stuff, and
23 we don't really cover some of those information,
24 so it'd be good for everyone to kind of know if

1 we've made significant changes or we've paused
2 funding on some of those trainings, if those are
3 true. I think -- I think we deserve to know that.
4 But perception all the time isn't reality, so just
5 having some of those numbers and understanding
6 what are we doing with new folks coming in. Do we
7 need more?

8 And then proactively putting that
9 approach in terms of asking for more funding.
10 Because I do agree that safety and security of our
11 employees and operators are paramount, and so
12 would love to see some response in -- in that, and
13 as soon as we can. But I'll (indiscernible).

14 MS. LEERHSEN: Thank you. We can
15 absolutely put that together in terms of an
16 overview of training, how it's changed, some
17 issues that have come up, what we're currently
18 doing to look at it. I agree it's come up and
19 there should be a broader understanding of the
20 background there. It's -- it's a huge breadth of
21 work that goes on, so I don't want to minimize it
22 with a short presentation, but maybe ongoing ways
23 to dive into the information.

24 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

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1 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Just want to echo and
2 strengthen all the great work around arts and
3 culture. I think it really helps bring out the
4 beauty of our city, and being able to help connect
5 that to who we are and what we do. So
6 congratulations on that. I hope that it continues
7 to grow, because I learn a lot of value in that,
8 and it helps connect all of the different aspects
9 of our city that makes it great.

10 Thank you.

11 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

12 DIRECTOR JAKES: My concern. A couple of
13 things. I'm -- I'm concerned and I -- and -- and
14 we don't have to talk about it here, but there
15 seems to be a disconnect between management and
16 our -- us and real operators. And I -- and I --
17 I'm really interested on what that connect is,
18 because we've been hearing it for several months.
19 To hearing on one side, we're -- we're not part of
20 this, but then hearing from you that, well, you
21 are part of it. There's -- there's something
22 missing, and I'd like to know what that something
23 is that's missing so that everybody could, you
24 know, shake hands and be on the same page.

1 Everything else is -- is fine and, you
2 know, I love data, and I'm happy to hear that the
3 numbers are going down. I hope they continue to
4 trend downward, but I am -- and I have to say, I'm
5 -- I'm just concerned, especially for our bus
6 operators, because I can't say all of them, but we
7 just keep hearing they don't feel safe, and that
8 doesn't feel good to hear.

9 So those are -- those are my comments.

10 MS. LEERHSEN: Absolutely, Director.
11 You know, we continue to have limited time here in
12 these exchanges, but I think we -- we do need to
13 dive in so that you better understand my
14 commitment, our commitment, to these issues. The
15 -- the conversations that are ongoing, the
16 opportunities for more, and that you can see that
17 and -- and understand those communications and the
18 complexities of our system as well, right? At a
19 given time, you have over 1,000 buses running in
20 rush hour. What that means in terms of security
21 deployment and -- and how that's being approached,
22 right? So I -- I think we should dive in and have
23 regular updates on that so you -- you understand
24 that commitment.

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1 DIRECTOR JAKES: Okay. Thank you.

2 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Eaddy?

3 DIRECTOR EADDY: Yeah. I'm happy to hear
4 how you are approaching the crime and security
5 issues, and how you are prioritizing that, as we
6 all are aware that's at the top of everyone's
7 thoughts and concerns and that -- and we are
8 hearing about ridership and how it is increasing.
9 We understand there's some other contributing
10 factors that -- that make that to be. But as
11 people do return, there must be that sense of
12 safety. There must be that sense of safety.

13 So I think that to focus as it appears
14 that there is -- is important, and it's
15 significant, and I think it helps us as we're --
16 you know, we're boots on the ground, we're
17 interacting, we're hearing firsthand what people's
18 concerns are, and it's always about the safety and
19 the crime. So please continue to prioritize that.

20 Thank you.

21 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Diego-Johnson?

22 DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Yeah. I want to
23 say that I am also really excited and really
24 thrilled about the arts and culture events that

1 are happening, what is going on within our city
2 that is also highlighting how vibrant it is.

3 When it comes to security, I would like
4 to see the -- I would like to see more information
5 on what is being implemented for alternatives to
6 non-policing approaches, and I know that -- that
7 is something that is coming up next month, so I'm
8 very much looking forward to that. And maybe this
9 is the nerdy social worker in me, but I do want --
10 I would like to see a strategic plan for these non
11 -- these alternatives to policing, and these
12 different forms of security that we will be
13 implementing.

14 Like, I would love to see maybe, like,
15 a logic model, just something that really
16 highlights the program development that is
17 happening within the CTA to really take this
18 seriously and implement this in a way that is very
19 deliberate, and we know what our goals are, and
20 it's not just, like, oh, well, we're trying to,
21 you know, offer other alternatives to policing.

22 And, you know, this takes a lot of
23 time, so it's not that I want to see this next
24 month, but it would be really helpful for me to be

1 able to see some sort of strategic plan. I am
2 really driven to look at data and read through
3 different kinds of reports, so this is -- this is
4 me on my social service kind of approach,
5 especially if we're working with different
6 community organizations that are -- that -- that
7 might be joining in on these prospects or
8 processes for different alternatives.

9 And then I'm thinking, like, even, you
10 know, are we doing things -- I'm -- I'm also
11 trying to find that disconnect of, like, okay, we
12 are doing something, and then the public feels,
13 like, eh, we're not doing enough, right? So I --
14 I'm even wondering, like, would it be helpful to
15 do something like CTA campaigns on, like,
16 bystander approaches, right? Because it's not
17 always about engaging with danger, but, like,
18 there are other alternatives, like distracting or
19 delaying.

20 So I'm just -- I just -- this is really
21 near and dear to my heart, and given the -- the
22 fact that we're, like, approving an amended budget
23 today, I really want to have that commitment that
24 we are going to do these alternatives to

1 non-policing.

2 Thank you.

3 MS. LEERHSEN: Thank you, Director.

4 Those are really important points and feedback.

5 The strategic plan comment in particular, we --

6 we've begun conversations with regards to the

7 unhoused and other people needing support on CTA.

8 We've begun from my office conversations with

9 foundations to see kind of a new arena for

10 resources and potential assistance beyond our more

11 traditional approach through the Department of

12 Family and Social Services and the city.

13 And one of the conversations there is

14 about developing a strategic plan about the

15 coordination of these resources. So while that

16 will not be completed when you hear it next week,

17 I think as we present that information to you, we

18 can keep in mind the intention to lay out how

19 these things all coordinate, how we're measuring

20 their success.

21 So I really appreciate that feedback.

22 DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Thank you.

23 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Requejo?

24 MR. REQUEJO: Yes. So first of all,

1 happy Pride Month, and happy NITA Act month, or
2 the beginning of NITA Act. I'm excited by the --
3 the promise of the new legislation. And as you
4 were focusing on -- on security, I wanted to just
5 reflect on the fact that these trends and these
6 numbers look nothing like the numbers I was seeing
7 when I first joined this board about two years and
8 a half ago, and this is huge. There's a big
9 difference. Two years and a half ago we were --
10 we were not looking, at all, at all these green
11 indicators and all those improvements. So I
12 wanted to start by congratulating you, Nora, and
13 your team, for -- for all the work that went into
14 this and -- under your leadership.

15 And my working hypothesis is that this
16 is not only about what you all are doing, it's
17 about how you all are doing it, too. What I mean
18 by that is that just like the NITA Act doubles
19 down on collaboration across agencies, across
20 jurisdictions, I did feel a huge difference when
21 you took over and center partnerships as one of
22 your priorities. And especially, I've seen a
23 difference when we open up to share our numbers
24 and our practices with organizations and agencies

1 that go above and beyond the City of Chicago, like
2 the sheriff or like the Cook County State's
3 Attorney or some of the nonprofits that you've
4 been working on.

5 So I guess my question to you and what
6 I would appreciate some reflections from you is,
7 we are starting one of the most complicated
8 seasons of the year, the summer, right? And there
9 are challenges, of course, with traffic and moving
10 people and all the festivals and all the
11 construction and all of that. And that's going to
12 create some level of chaos at some point.

13 We have the Obama Presidential Center
14 opening and all of the influx of people. And
15 also, it is a traditionally complicated season for
16 -- for security, for crime rates. So we'd love to
17 hear from you, Nora, how are you thinking about
18 these next few months in terms of that
19 collaboration and how can the promise and now the
20 reality of NITA, you know, support these trends so
21 we end the summer on this trend of less crime,
22 more security, better --

23 MS. LEERHSEN: Yeah, absolutely. Well,
24 first I'd say, you know, the summer and its

1 activity is certainly not new to CTA and our team,
2 right? So what I'm observing and -- and -- and
3 overseeing, is as we kick up for the summer, we're
4 working muscles we're familiar with in terms of
5 special event planning, engagement across the
6 city. We start midweek, right around Wednesday
7 and Thursday, in conversation about the special
8 events that are happening across the entire city
9 and how we're deploying our staff, working that
10 into our schedules, adding staff where necessary.
11 And that's coming from our planning team, our
12 operations team in our control center,
13 coordinating internally in a very, you know,
14 intentional way around the realities of every
15 weekend, and then living that weekend.

16 And that's part of the reason I started
17 with the recognition of the work that goes on in
18 the weekend, because weekends for CTA employees
19 are different. They are -- they are not a time
20 off. They are when people are even more deeply
21 engaged and watching service delivery to ensure
22 that we're -- we're delivering on our promise for
23 people. So there's a very intentional active work
24 that goes on throughout the week that's very

1 specific to the events happening in the city.

2 And I think the focus on partnerships
3 is -- is key, Director. I -- I mean, my approach
4 has been top-down. I -- I'm very actively engaged
5 with the superintendent, with the sheriff's
6 office, with the Cook County State's Attorney
7 directly.

8 And I've observed how that type of
9 intentional engagement from the top-down creates
10 results. I would say that the state's attorney's
11 team, I'm hearing constantly from our law
12 department and from the people working with them
13 there, it is real, that commitment. We held a
14 press conference at the Roosevelt Station, but the
15 staff is engaged and committed and wanting to see
16 results that deliver for the safety and sense of
17 security.

18 So that -- that approach is just, kind
19 of, nonstop across the board and an intentional
20 engagement with the -- the leadership of those
21 partnerships I see trickle down across the staff
22 that we see. And I would say in terms of NITA,
23 this -- you know, it's an exciting time with an
24 immense amount of opportunity, but one of the

1 things I'm really focused on is stability of our
2 agency, as you raised, Director, through a very
3 critical period of the summer.

4 And every period has its own aspects
5 that make it critical, but the summer does in this
6 way, and I think we're -- we're fortunate to have
7 this increase in resources occurring right in the
8 summer months that we're seeing, you know, an
9 improved experience for our riders and our
10 employees as a result of those resources. So it's
11 really intentional engagement. It's really active
12 engagement from my office down throughout all of
13 management. And there's really no shortcut to
14 delivering in that way.

15 MR. REQUEJO: Thanks. And I look
16 forward to seeing those numbers turning positively
17 next month.

18 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Thank you. Nora, I do
19 have one more question. You know, I -- I want to
20 make the distinction between security and -- and
21 safety. And I heard comments about safety in
22 terms of -- which ties into training and, you
23 know, accident prevention. I know Nancy Ellen is
24 -- left a while ago. Who is responsible -- have

1 we named someone to fill that spot for -- for
2 safety at this point?

3 MS. LEERHSEN: So that spot previously
4 was the chief of safety and security. Our vice
5 president of safety is the leadership of our
6 safety department. That's who reports directly to
7 our office, Jeff Helbert. He's our designated
8 manager of safety, and that is in compliance with
9 all regulations to have that person conducting
10 those -- that work. As I did report to the board,
11 we are actually creating two distinct chief
12 positions at CTA, a chief of security and a chief
13 of safety, because of my belief in the importance
14 of both of those aspects needing an even
15 additional layer of leadership. So we will be
16 adding a layer of just a chief safety officer. In
17 -- in the interim, the vice president is the
18 person that carries that work.

19 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Okay. Because I -- I'm
20 -- I'm hearing, you know, the -- the union rep
21 said this morning in public comments that it
22 sounded like they didn't have a seat at the table
23 in terms of discussion when a safety plan was
24 being prepared and submitted. And I would like

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1 some further information about that and what took
2 place there so you can share that with -- with the
3 board later next month.

4 MS. LEERHSEN: Absolutely. And I -- we
5 have spoken about the reason for what they
6 referenced regarding not voting on that plan. We
7 had reached out to the union. I'm -- I'm fully
8 aware that it has to do with their advocacy for
9 improved security on CTA and that's absolutely
10 driving a lot of the work you heard about today.

11 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yeah. So you can share
12 that with us --

13 MS. LEERHSEN: Yeah.

14 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: -- in the report next
15 month. Thank you.

16 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: I had another comment too,
17 if I may?

18 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Sure.

19 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Thanks.

20 I just also wanted to echo the
21 non-police support. I think that's something that
22 we have been advocating for a long time and we've
23 secured funding for. So I'm absolutely waiting,
24 excited to see those pieces implemented. A logic

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1 model sounds great. So thank you for recommending
2 that. Committees, structure, plan of action, all
3 of that, I think will be incredibly helpful. So
4 it'd be great to have a timeline and next steps on
5 that.

6 MS. LEERHSEN: Absolutely.

7 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Okay.

8 MS. LEERHSEN: And that'll be an active
9 discussion during our board meeting next week --
10 next month.

11 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Any other comments before
12 we move on? Thank you. Our next order of
13 business is the approval of the correction to the
14 minutes of the regular board meeting of May 13th,
15 2026. May I have a motion to approve?

16 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.

17 DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Second.

18 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been moved by
19 Director Ortiz, seconded by Director Diego
20 Johnson, that the minutes from May 13th, 2026, be
21 approved as submitted. We'll take a roll call
22 vote.

23 Director Jha?

24 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

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1 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

2 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

3 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

4 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yes.

5 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

6 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

7 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Eaddy?

8 DIRECTOR EADDY: Yes.

9 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Diego-Johnson?

10 DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Yes.

11 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Requejo?

12 MR. REQUEJO: Yes.

13 SECRETARY GREENLEE: The motion passes.

14 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Our next item on the
15 agenda is executive session. Sisavanh Baker, it's
16 my understanding that today we do have an
17 executive session.

18 MS. BAKER: That's Correct, Chairman.
19 There will be an executive session today pursuant
20 to the Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120
21 Section 2(c)(21), 1, and 3. Thank you.

22 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: I will now entertain a
23 motion to recess into executive sessions for
24 reasons stated by Counsel.

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1 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.

2 DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Second.

3 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been moved by
4 Director Ortiz, seconded by Director
5 Diego-Johnson, that the board move into executive
6 session for the reasons stated by Counsel. We'll
7 take a roll call vote.

8 Director Jha?

9 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

11 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

12 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

13 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yes.

14 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

15 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

16 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Eaddy?

17 DIRECTOR EADDY: Yes.

18 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Diego-Johnson?

19 DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Yes.

20 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Requejo?

21 MR. REQUEJO: Yes.

22 SECRETARY GREENLEE: The motion passes.

23 (A recess was taken.)

24 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Motion.

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1 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: I will now entertain a
2 motion to return to open session.

3 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.

4 DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Second.

5 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been moved by
6 Director Ortiz, seconded by Director
7 Diego-Johnson, that the board return to open
8 session. We'll take a roll call vote.

9 Director Jha?

10 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

11 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

12 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

13 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

14 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yes.

15 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

16 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

17 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Eaddy?

18 DIRECTOR EADDY: Yes.

19 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Diego-Johnson?

20 DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Yes.

21 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Requejo?

22 MR. REQUEJO: Yes.

23 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay, the
24 motion passes.

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1 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: We will now address Board
2 Agenda Item Number 7, Board Matters.

3 Georgette, do we have any board matters
4 today?

5 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Yes, Chairman Barclay,
6 we do. Chairman Barclay, may we also address the
7 closed session minutes? Can we --

8 MS. BAKER: Do we have --

9 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yeah, we --

10 MS. BAKER: Do we have closed session
11 minutes from May --

12 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Yes.

13 MS. BAKER: -- from May that --

14 SECRETARY GREENLEE: 13th.

15 MS. BAKER: -- we have --

16 SECRETARY GREENLEE: We have --

17 MS. BAKER: -- considered during
18 executive session is up for vote.

19 SECRETARY GREENLEE: We would need a motion
20 to approve the closed session minutes that were
21 submitted to the board from both the April 8th,
22 2026, meeting and also the May 13th, 2026, meeting
23 in separate votes.

24 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: (indiscernible) motion. So

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1 moved.

2 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been moved to adopt
3 the closed session minutes from April 8th, 2026,
4 by Director Ortiz.

5 DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Abstain because I
6 wasn't here.

7 SECRETARY GREENLEE: And may we have a second?

8 DIRECTOR EADDY: Second.

9 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been seconded by
10 Director Eaddy. We'll take a roll call vote.

11 Director Jha?

12 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

13 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

14 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

15 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

16 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yes.

17 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

18 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

19 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Eaddy?

20 DIRECTOR EADDY: Yes.

21 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Diego-Johnson?

22 DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Abstain.

23 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Requejo?

24 MR. REQUEJO: Yes.

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1 SECRETARY GREENLEE: The motion passes. And
2 the second would be to approve the closed sessions
3 from May 13th, 2026.

4 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.

5 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been moved by
6 Director Ortiz to approve the closed sessions from
7 May 13th, 2026.

8 DIRECTOR EADDY: Second.

9 SECRETARY GREENLEE: And seconded by Director
10 Eaddy. We'll take a roll call vote.

11 Director Jha?

12 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

13 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

14 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

15 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

16 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yes.

17 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

18 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

19 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Eaddy?

20 DIRECTOR EADDY: Yes.

21 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Diego-Johnson?

22 DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Yes.

23 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Requejo?

24 MR. REQUEJO: Yes.

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1 SECRETARY GREENLEE: The motion passes.

2 Chairman Barclay, in response to your
3 question about board matters, we do have one board
4 matter for consideration today, and that is to
5 approve an ordinance appointing a trustee and an
6 alternate to the board of trustees of the
7 retirement plan for the Chicago Transit employees.

8 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Does that require a
9 motion?

10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Yes, it does, Chairman
11 Barclay.

12 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.

13 DIRECTOR EADDY: Second.

14 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been moved by
15 Director Ortiz, seconded by Director Eaddy, that
16 the board approve the ordinance appointing a
17 trustee and alternate to the board of trustees of
18 the retirement plan for the Chicago Transit
19 employees. We'll take a roll call vote.

20 Director Jha?

21 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

22 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

23 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

24 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

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1 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yes.

2 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

3 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

4 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Eaddy?

5 DIRECTOR EADDY: Yes.

6 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Diego-Johnson?

7 DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Yes.

8 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Requejo?

9 MR. REQUEJO: Yes.

10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Motion passes.

11 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Our next order of
12 business is a report from the committee on finance
13 audit and budget. Director Jakes.

14 DIRECTOR JAKES: That would be me. The
15 committee met earlier this morning and approved
16 the May 13th, 2026, committee minutes and reviewed
17 the finance report. The committee also received
18 the report of the independent auditor for 2025.

19 The committee reviewed the following six
20 ordinances: One, review of an ordinance adopting
21 an amended budget for calendar year 2026.

22 Two, review of an ordinance amending
23 Ordinance 025-118, approving the fiscal years 2026
24 through -- through 2030 Capital Improvement

1 Program. Review of a, number three, review of an
2 ordinance authorizing the chief financial
3 officer/treasurer to execute a natural gas
4 contract. Four, review of an ordinance
5 authorizing a permanent easement agreement with
6 Comcast and Astound for the Red Line Extension
7 project. Five, review of an ordinance consenting
8 to the Bryn Mawr landmark history, which includes
9 Chicago Transit Authority property located at
10 1113-15 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Chicago, on the Red
11 Line. Six, review of an ordinance authorizing the
12 purchase of primary and excess property insurance
13 coverage for policy year '26, '27.

14 The committee also reviewed nine
15 contracts. The committee placed six ordinances
16 and nine contracts on the omnibus. The committee
17 approved and recommended for board approval, six
18 ordinances and nine contracts. This concludes the
19 report of the finance audit and budget committee,
20 Mr. Chairman.

21 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Thank you. Director
22 Jakes.

23 I will now entertain a motion to
24 approve the omnibus.

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1 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.

2 DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Second.

3 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been moved by
4 Director Ortiz, seconded by Director Diego-Johnson
5 to approve the omnibus. We will take a roll call
6 vote.

7 Director Jha?

8 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

9 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

10 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

11 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

12 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes.

13 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

14 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

15 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Eaddy?

16 DIRECTOR EADDY: Yes.

17 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Diego-Johnson?

18 DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Yes.

19 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Requejo?

20 DIRECTOR REQUEJO: Yes.

21 SECRETARY GREENLEE: The motion passes.

22 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Our next order of
23 business is the construction report from Bill
24 Mooney, our chief infrastructure officer, and

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1 JuanPablo Prieto, our director of diversity
2 programs.

3 MR. MOONEY: Good afternoon. Once
4 again, I'm Bill Mooney, your chief infrastructure
5 officer, and I'm joined by --

6 MR. PRIETO: JuanPablo Prieto, director
7 of diversity programs.

8 MR. MOONEY: So we won't go through the
9 traditional construction report this month. We
10 have a little something different. So we did --
11 as you've seen, probably, in -- in your
12 relationship with us, we have a lot of footprint
13 in the social media world on our construction programs
14 and what we're pushing out. And
15 post-groundbreaking for Red Line Extension, we put
16 together a little video. It's been broadcast on
17 YouTube and other social channels and we wanted to
18 show it to the board. It, kind of, highlights the
19 celebration and historic moment so --

20 Veda, you're going to be able to show
21 that for us?

22 DIRECTOR JHA: Can I ask a question
23 about, like, what (indiscernible)? We were
24 talking about, like, the work that happens after

1 the subway closes to link the feeds. Will you
2 guys run any mini series or live-share when work
3 is going on during those timelines?

4 MR. MOONEY: So for various projects,
5 we have done some highlighted focal -- focused
6 things. We talked, in the fall, about the loop
7 closure. We did a lot of stuff, kind of, around
8 that. We were out and present. We did have some
9 -- some support there that was helping us, kind of
10 -- helping highlight some of the work that's going
11 on there.

12 DIRECTOR JHA: Okay.

13 MR. MOONEY: And so I will say it
14 again, the big construction program, we tend to
15 highlight it more. We have more resources to
16 support, kind of, that type of production.

17 DIRECTOR JHA: I'm talking about more
18 day-to-day (crosstalk) --

19 MR. MOONEY: Yeah. Our in-house stuff
20 gets --

21 ACTING PRESIDENT LEERHSEN: Maybe we
22 should talk about doing even more, right? I think
23 there's a lot of opportunity.

24 MR. MOONEY: Yes.

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1 DIRECTOR JHA: Especially when you're
2 working, like, through the night.

3 MR. MOONEY: Yeah.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT LEERHSEN: Yeah.

5 DIRECTOR JHA: And those things --

6 ACTING PRESIDENT LEERHSEN: Yeah.

7 DIRECTOR JHA: -- happening on a
8 round-the-clock basis. This is just an idea.

9 MR. MOONEY: Yeah. No. We --

10 ACTING PRESIDENT LEERHSEN: Yeah.

11 MR. MOONEY: We've done some things
12 over time and, certainly, I think we want to
13 celebrate that work as well --

14 DIRECTOR JHA: Yeah.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT LEERHSEN: Yeah.

16 MR. MOONEY: -- of course.

17 DIRECTOR JHA: Thank you.

18 MR. MOONEY: Go ahead, Peter.

19 (Video played for the record.)

20 MR. MOONEY: So we're glad to take any
21 questions on, certainly, the Red Line Extension or
22 any other process, but it certainly highlights --
23 many -- many of you were able to attend and I
24 don't know if it fully captures the energy, you

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1 know? But, certainly, that is a little drier than
2 our occasion out there but it, you know -- but was
3 a great -- greater moment and it was really great
4 to see, kind of, at that -- at the (indiscernible)
5 of it.

6 DIRECTOR JAKES: It was a great time.
7 So for -- for everybody that -- Lottie Dottie and
8 everybody that did it, great. Yeah. Great time.

9 DIRECTOR JHA: Thank you, also, for --
10 for being so creative. I think you always come up
11 with ways to mix it up, which I love the bunch
12 (crosstalk).

13 MR. MOONEY: Wait till we get to cut
14 the ribbon. We're cooking on that one already, so.

15 DIRECTOR JHA: I'd love it.

16 DIRECTOR JAKES: When is that?

17 MR. MOONEY: The 21st.

18 DIRECTOR JAKES: Can we make it before
19 September 1?

20 MR. MOONEY: I can probably get some
21 things close to September 1 but not everything.

22 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yeah. Yeah. We -- we
23 will not have somebody else cut a ribbon on -- on
24 our hard work. We're like, oh, no. No. No.

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1 Yeah.

2 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Thank you very much.

3 DIRECTOR EADDY: Yes. Great, great
4 job. Now --

5 DIRECTOR JAKES: That was good.

6 DIRECTOR EADDY: -- where -- where is
7 this posted right now?

8 MR. MOONEY: It's on our YouTube
9 channel. Pete will get you the link so you've got
10 it and you can share it. And we -- we did share
11 it on our -- on our weekly announcements that, I
12 think, you guys get, a few weeks back. It -- it
13 was up on it, I think.

14 DIRECTOR EADDY: We've received it
15 already?

16 MR. MOONEY: You -- I think all the
17 board gets the -- the -- the On The Track
18 newsletter, that's our weekly --

19 DIRECTOR EADDY: Okay.

20 MR. MOONEY: -- our weekly newsletter.
21 And so I think it was in there, but we'll make
22 sure you get the link to that.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT LEERHSEN: Yeah, we'll
24 resend it and make sure you have it in its own

1 email.

2 MR. MOONEY: It would also be in --
3 it's on the Insta feed and stuff like that as well.

4 DIRECTOR JAKES: Good.

5 DIRECTOR EADDY: Have you been getting
6 any measurement on response to it in any way?

7 MR. MOONEY: I don't know where we're
8 at with likes and shares on this one. You know,
9 we did a -- we did a bunch of, kind of, Insta
10 Reels on RPM that we were --

11 DIRECTOR EADDY: Oh, good.

12 MR. MOONEY: -- because we were keeping
13 track of --

14 DIRECTOR EADDY: Good.

15 MR. MOONEY: -- the feed reels for a
16 while.

17 DIRECTOR EADDY: Good.

18 MR. MOONEY: We got a little in-house
19 challenge going on between the millennial, kind
20 of, Gen Z video versus a Gen X video that we were
21 trying to see, which played out better. Gen X,
22 kind of, lost on that one but, hey, we've got
23 another project we've tried to put up.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT LEERHSEN: Yeah. This

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1 is one of a series of videos --

2 MR. MOONEY: Yeah.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT LEERHSEN: -- and
4 sequences --

5 DIRECTOR EADDY: One of a series?

6 ACTING PRESIDENT LEERHSEN: -- made
7 just to promote that day. I know I saw a smaller
8 -- a shorter one even yesterday, just posted, so
9 they do -- they're -- they're getting positive
10 attention.

11 MR. MOONEY: Yeah. We've done, like,
12 600 posts to date on the various platforms.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT LEERHSEN: Yeah.

14 MR. MOONEY: Just even (indiscernible)
15 and we're barely through -- and starting
16 construction nights. I mean, we do a lot on
17 Instagram, as well.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT LEERHSEN: I think it
19 could be good, actually, to brief the board on the
20 social around Red Line Extension so they
21 understand the promotion.

22 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yeah.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT LEERHSEN: So we can
24 do that in the future.

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1 DIRECTOR EADDY: Thank you.

2 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yeah.

3 MR. MOONEY: Well, thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Anything from you,
5 JuanPablo?

6 MR. PRIETO: No -- well, we are -- you
7 know, we all got through the recent reevaluation
8 process with the IFR and the Illinois UCP. So
9 we're back to setting DBE goals, we're tracking
10 DBE participation again, and fully engaged with
11 our -- our private contractors to ensure that they
12 meet their contractual commitments.

13 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Okay.

14 DIRECTOR JHA: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: All right. Thank
16 you. That's -- that's an important component.

17 MR. PRIETO: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Okay. Thank you.

19 MR. PRIETO: Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Our final order of
21 business is new business. Again, I just want to
22 mention one thing: I want to congratulate both
23 Merresa and Rovaughn and congratulate them
24 for their appointments to the retirement plan. So

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1 congratulations to you guys on that.

2 Is there any other new business?

3 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay, there
4 is no new business.

5 DIRECTOR JAKES: Did we say, happy
6 Pride month?

7 DIRECTOR EADDY: Yeah.

8 DIRECTOR JAKES: We did it already?

9 DIRECTOR JHA: Roberto has said that.

10 DIRECTOR EADDY: Roberto said it.

11 DIRECTOR JAKES: Really? Oh,
12 (crosstalk) a 85-year-old moment. And -- and
13 happy Juneteenth.

14 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

15 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

16 DIRECTOR JAKES: That's right. Yeah.
17 Very good.

18 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Since there's no
19 further business to come before the board, may I
20 have a motion to adjourn the Chicago Transit Board
21 meeting of June 10th, 2026?

22 DIRECTOR JAKES: No, let's just stay
23 until 1:00.

24 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: We -- we need -- we

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1 need to vote on it.

2 DIRECTOR JAKES: We do.

3 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.

4 DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Second.

5 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been moved by
6 Director Ortiz, seconded by Director Diego-Johnson
7 that the meeting of June 10th, 2026, be adjourned.
8 We'll take a roll call vote.

9 Director Jha?

10 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

11 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

12 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

13 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

14 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes.

15 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

16 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

17 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Eaddy?

18 DIRECTOR EADDY: Yep.

19 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Diego-Johnson?

20 DIRECTOR DIEGO-JOHNSON: Yes.

21 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Requejo?

22 DIRECTOR REQUEJO: Yes.

23 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay, the
24 motion passes.

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1 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Thank you.
2 (Off the record at 12:34 p.m.)
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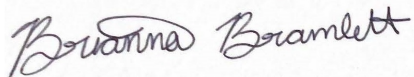
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