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8 Report of proceedings at the meeting of
9 the above-entitled cause, before Tabitha Watson, an
10 Illinois Shorthand Reporter, on the 8th day of
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT,

- MR. TERRY PETERSON, Chairperson
- MS. ARABEL ALVA ROSALES
- MS. GLORIA CHEVERE
- MR. KEVIN IRVINE
- MR. BERNARD JAKES
- MR. JOHNNY MILLER
- MR. ALEJANDRO SILVA

ALSO PRESENT:

- MR. DORVAL R. CARTER, JR., President
- MR. GREGORY LONGHINI, Secretary
- MS. KAREN SEIMETZ, General Counsel
- MR. MIKE CONNELLY



1 MR. LONGHINI: Good afternoon. We are now
2 about to begin the Transit Board meeting for April
3 2020.

4 Chairman Peterson, you may start the
5 meeting.

6 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Thanks, Greg.

7 Good morning, everyone. Thank you for
8 being on the call. I'd like to call to order the
9 regular scheduled meeting of Chicago Transit Board
10 for April 8, 2020.

11 Would the secretary call the roll?

12 MR. LONGHINI: Yes.

13 Director Chevere?

14 MS. CHEVERE: Present.

15 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

16 MR. JAKES: Present.

17 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

18 MR. MILLER: Present.

19 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

20 MR. IRVINE: Present.

21 MR. LONGHINI: Director Silva?

22 MR. SILVA: Present.

23 MR. LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

24 MS. ALVA ROSALES: Present.



1 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

2 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Present.

3 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman, we have a quorum of
4 the Board with all seven members present.

5 MR. PETERSON: All right. Thanks, Greg.

6 The first order of business is public
7 comment. Greg?

8 MR. LONGHINI: Yes, sir. We have one public
9 comment speaker and then we have written
10 communication that I will read into the record.
11 But first, we will start with our public comment
12 speaker, Georganna Jacobs.

13 Ms. Jacobs, are you here?

14 MS. JACOBS: I am here.

15 MR. LONGHINI: Well, thank you, Ms. Jacobs.
16 I'm glad you were able to join us. It was nice
17 speaking to you yesterday. Would you like to
18 address the Board concerning your matter?

19 MS. JACOBS: I would. Thank you very much.

20 I've been working to try and get our bus
21 stop reinstated from where it was moved. It was
22 originally at Broadway and Montrose. They moved
23 the bus stop to Broadway and Cullom. And because
24 of the distance and the very unique street



1 configuration, it is very difficult to reach,
2 especially for seniors. But I did have signatures,
3 collected about 18 pages, that I turned over to my
4 alderman and they were turned over to you guys at
5 the RTA to reinstate the bus stop.

6 Just this morning -- just yesterday, I
7 heard that there was a reevaluation of the bus stop
8 and that -- well, I don't have the -- it was read
9 to me over the phone. Talking about the footage
10 from here to here and so forth and so on.

11 Bottom line is that it will be possible to
12 reinstate the bus stop at Montrose and Broadway,
13 not where it was originally, but across the street
14 on the north side of the street instead of the
15 south side of the street. So that would be an
16 alternative. But it's really needed.

17 If you don't know the area here on the
18 near north side, Cullom is at a point that the
19 streets Broadway and Sheridan merge. It's a
20 diagonal street. It's difficult to cross and I was
21 really concerned, you know, during the winter
22 months, the slipperiness of the street and then
23 people with walkers. But it's not just people with
24 walkers and what have you and walking canes. It's



1 everybody. So I'm imploring the Board to
2 understand and to work to get the bus stop
3 reinstated.

4 Do you have any questions for me?

5 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: No questions for you.
6 Just want to thank you for bringing this to the
7 Board's attention. I think Mike Connelly is on the
8 phone.

9 And, Mike, I don't know if you can share
10 any updates with the Board regarding -- I think
11 that this issue was brought to our attention back
12 in March. What's going on with that potential bus
13 stop?

14 MR. CONNELLY: So this is Mike Connolly, your
15 chief planning officer. As the -- as your speaker
16 mentioned, she was informed yesterday that there
17 are -- there is an alternative to the bus stop
18 elimination that she is concerned about. It will
19 require aldermanic approval and removal of a row of
20 paid parking spaces, but my staff will follow up
21 with the alderman and see if it is in fact an
22 alternative and possible to try to do this.

23 MS. JACOBS: Excuse me. This is Georganna
24 Jacobs back again. I already have a call into the



1 alderman. It's difficult because, you know, no one
2 is in their offices right now, but if I can get his
3 approval, will you move it back?

4 MR. CONNELLY: Ma'am --

5 MS. JACOBS: Hello?

6 MR. CONNELLY: We have to get his approval and
7 CDOT approval as well. So we'll proceed with going
8 through what needs to be done, but I can't promise
9 you that because the alderman gives you approval,
10 it will actually be done. There are more steps
11 than just going to the alderman.

12 MS. JACOBS: What other steps do I need to
13 take?

14 MR. CONNELLY: We have to go to CDOT who owns
15 this sidewalk and the street. We are operating our
16 buses on CDOT streets, so we will have to go to
17 CDOT to see if they would approve of this
18 alternative --

19 MS. JACOBS: And who --

20 MR. CONNELLY: And get the aldermanic approval.

21 MR. LONGHINI: Ms. Jacobs --

22 MS. JACOBS: And who is your contact at CDOT?
23 Hello?

24 MR. LONGHINI: Ms. Jacobs, this is Greg



1 Longhini, the Board secretary. We can't answer all
2 these questions right now, but you have our word
3 that Mike Connolly and our staff will be in touch
4 with you immediately and we will communicate with
5 you in terms of what needs to be done.

6 As Mike was saying, it's not just us, it's
7 not just the alderman. There's City agencies and
8 other factors involved. But we thank you for
9 coming before us with this question. We know it's
10 an issue for you and many other people in the
11 neighborhood and we will be in touch with you.

12 We cannot solve the problem today, but
13 that does not mean that we're not going to continue
14 to communicate with you and others in the community
15 to try to make this work for everybody. There's a
16 lot of steps involved.

17 MS. JACOBS: Okay. I will be patient and,
18 Greg, you've been wonderful organizing and getting
19 me to speak in front of the Board and I appreciate
20 it and I appreciate the Board listening to me.
21 Thank you very much.

22 MR. LONGHINI: Thank you very much, Ms. Jacobs.
23 Have a great day and stay healthy.

24 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Thank you. You too. Be



1 we well.

2 MR. LONGHINI: Thank you, Ms. Jacobs.

3 Chairman, we now have written
4 communication -- this is Longhini again -- that was
5 sent to me yesterday at 10:00 o'clock in the
6 morning by Cameron Pestinger, spelled P, as in
7 Peter, E-S-T-I-N-G-E-R. One second.

8 The communication is as follows: I am
9 submitting the following public comments for the
10 CTA board meeting tomorrow on behalf of a group of
11 concerned Chicagoans.

12 Number one. The Board has suggested that
13 they're offering telehealth services and other
14 health care services to CTA workers. We know from
15 both Second Chance workers and full-time employees,
16 who have been contacted by the CTA, that they have
17 been exposed and are currently symptomatic, that
18 they have not been contacted by anyone at CTA about
19 telehealth testing or any health services
20 whatsoever. Please clarify why you are saying that
21 you are offering these services when you are not.

22 Number two. The City has not been clear
23 about how many workers have tested positive or
24 tested at all for COVID-19. Currently, the Mayor



1 is updating on other City employees such as CPD and
2 has suggested offering hotel accommodations for
3 quarantine. Meanwhile, CTA workers are going into
4 work with reports of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in
5 the workplace while this is not being reported by
6 the City, County, or State. Please clarify how
7 many cases there are in this workplace and what
8 accommodations are being made for these City
9 employees that parallel other City employees at
10 this moment.

11 Number three. The Mayor announced today,
12 Monday, that routes will not be suspended
13 regardless of low ridership. Can you clarify what
14 protections are being offered to workers at this
15 moment? It has been confirmed that only two
16 sanitizing wipes and a pair of gloves are being
17 offered. Hardly the demands being suggested across
18 the country for frontline workers and public
19 services. What is the rationale for keeping ghost
20 routes going in the midst of the pandemic?

21 Number four. The current protocol for
22 buses that have been reported to have had exposure
23 to COVID-19 is to quarantine the vehicles for
24 72 hours. Given the most recent data on the life



1 of the virus on surfaces, can the CTA respond to
2 its protocol for cleaning these buses and the
3 safety of workers who must clean them? It is our
4 understanding that extra protection is only
5 provided if blood is found on the buses, but given
6 the spread of this virus, can you please expand on
7 how equipment is provided that parallels the actual
8 transmission of COVID-19?

9 Finally, number five. Can the Board tell
10 us how they are specifically protecting the Second
11 Chance Program frontline workers who have no
12 benefits and no health insurance and, again, who
13 are losing their state benefits given the number of
14 hours they are working for the CTA?

15 These employees are particularly
16 vulnerable. They fear losing their jobs for not
17 showing up out of concern for their health and
18 safety. They fear losing their pay even if they
19 are sick because of the precariousness of their
20 situation. And they have no support if they do
21 happen to get sick or exposed to this virus.

22 Many of these employees have underlying
23 conditions. What is the CTA going to do explicitly
24 to protect these employees who, by working under



1 hazardous conditions as frontline workers, fall
2 sick with COVID-19 until the coming weeks?

3 Thank you for your time.

4 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Thanks, Greg.

5 Dorval, can you respond?

6 PRESIDENT CARTER: Yes, Chairman.

7 with regards to item number one, I think
8 it's important to note that CTA does have enhanced
9 health care services that it provides -- that it
10 provides to both exempt and union employees.

11 Previously, this benefit was only
12 available as part of the health -- as part of all
13 health care -- was not available as part of all
14 health care packages. CTA expanded it to make sure
15 it would be available to all employees at no
16 additional cost.

17 Telehealth services are now presented to
18 employees when they log in to their health care
19 accounts and additionally, CTA sent e-mails about
20 the service to all employees, posted the
21 information at work locations, and included it in
22 the information presented on the information screen
23 at nearly 50 employee facilities.

24 In addition, CTA's health care provider



1 Cigna is in the process of sending out a mailing to
2 employees specifically informing them about the
3 services.

4 with regard to second chance employees,
5 CTA has worked with its medical service provider
6 Concentra to make sure that an employee without
7 health care coverage can call or come into one of
8 our urgent care facilities if they were
9 experiencing COVID-19 symptoms at no cost to the
10 employee.

11 CTA has also reminded employees throughout
12 this time that all employees, including second
13 chance, have 24-7, 365 days a year, access to CTA's
14 employee assistance program. This benefit is free
15 to all employees and is provided to them from the
16 first day that they start. The program offers
17 professional support to all employees, including
18 stress management and other concerns related to
19 COVID-19.

20 with regard to our protocol for how we
21 deal with notifications for employees who test
22 positive, CTA has closely followed the Chicago
23 Department of Public Health guidance with regards
24 to notification of positive COVID-19 cases,



1 followed the same process that all City agencies
2 are following.

3 In each case reported, even if it is not
4 confirmed, the sick employee stays home with pay
5 until they recover. Following CDC and CDPH
6 guidelines, we also immediately identify, notify,
7 remove from service any fellow employees who have
8 had close contact with a sick employee. The CDC
9 defines close contact as being within six feet from
10 someone for ten minutes or more. Those employees
11 are told to quarantine with pay for 14 days from
12 when they last had contact with the sick employee.

13 CTA has also posted notices at the work
14 locations advising employees that a coworker has
15 reported to be positive for COVID-19 and they
16 should take the appropriate precautions.

17 In every communication we have with
18 employees about COVID-19, we continue to reiterate
19 the Chicago Department of Public Health guidance
20 and remind them of the City's coronavirus website,
21 which is constantly being updated and provides
22 directions on who should be tested for COVID-19.

23 I think it's important to point out
24 specifically that no employee under any



1 circumstances will be terminated because they go
2 out sick as a result of the COVID-19 virus. In
3 fact, we have expanded our sick pay benefits to
4 ensure that all employees, while they are out sick,
5 get paid.

6 with regard to the question regarding the
7 continuation of service and the sanitation of our
8 vehicles, CTA continues to coordinate closely and
9 follow both CDC and CDPH guidance around the proper
10 use of PPE. CTA is providing gloves and hand
11 sanitizers to all employees and has distributed
12 extensive information to all work locations about
13 the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the best practices
14 recommended by City, State, and national health
15 experts.

16 we also have adjusted the common room
17 areas to allow for social distancing and have
18 posted signs throughout the work locations
19 regarding the importance of distances.

20 CTA is also providing hand wipes for the
21 operators to wipe down their specific work areas
22 around their cabins that they operate in. We are
23 not limiting them to just two hand sanitizers a
24 day. And the idea is to really give them some



1 additional material for wiping down their steering
2 wheel and other things in between the time that CTA
3 will do a regular cleaning of the vehicle itself.

4 In addition, I have ensured that buses
5 that are out on the street during this pandemic are
6 only those equipped with the protective shield that
7 creates a barrier between the operators and riders.

8 On the rail side, all rail operators are
9 entirely enclosed in operating cabs at the front of
10 the train and all rail station attendants conduct
11 their work from inside enclosed kiosks in our
12 stations.

13 As for our ridership loss during this
14 pandemic, each day CTA still carries about 250,000
15 riders a day, including transit-dependent riders
16 accessing essential services as well as essential
17 employees such as health care workers, emergency
18 responders, grocery store employees, and others.

19 The number of people CTA is carrying each
20 day is still, although substantially lower than
21 normal ridership levels, more than Metra would
22 carry on a regular day and more than many other
23 cities such as Minneapolis, Phoenix, Detroit carry
24 on a normal day.



1 Running more service allows for greater
2 social distancing for our rides, which is one of
3 the reasons why I continue to run as best as
4 possible normal service in spite of the fact that
5 our ridership has declined.

6 with regard to cleaning, in accordance
7 with the CDPH guidelines, if equipment used by the
8 employee has not already been cleaned as a result
9 of CTA's daily cleaning schedule, it will be
10 removed and cleaned immediately.

11 In addition, the work location area that
12 the employee accessed are also cleaned. The
13 cleaning does not happen only if blood is found on
14 the buses. Cleaning happens as part of a regular
15 step that we take if it is identified as a bus that
16 an employee who has tested positive for COVID-19
17 was using at the time.

18 It is important to note that prior to the
19 COVID pandemic, CTA already had one of the most
20 rigorous and extensive cleaning schedules in the
21 transit industry. Our railcars, buses, stations,
22 and work facilities are cleaned and disinfected
23 throughout each day and receive deeper cleanings
24 nightly on a regular basis.



1 In fact, most of the enhanced cleaning
2 that most transit agencies have implemented during
3 this pandemic has basically raised their cleaning
4 to the level that CTA was already doing as part of
5 its normal daily operation.

6 We have also informed the public about
7 these cleaning practices via our website, which
8 contains the information about the amount of
9 cleaning that we do as well as the products that we
10 use to clean our system on a daily basis.

11 With regards to Second Chance Program
12 frontline workers, CTA quickly recognized the need
13 for all employees to access additional leave as
14 part of the response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

15 On March 17th, CTA issued a leave policy
16 addendum for essentially bargained-for employees,
17 which includes the Second Chance apprentices that
18 granted additional paid time off to union
19 employees, including Second Chance apprentices,
20 that they would continue to be paid their full rate
21 of pay and maintain their employment if they became
22 ill with COVID-19 or if they were directed to
23 quarantine because of COVID-19.

24 For instance, if a member of the household



1 becomes ill, it is important that all employees
2 have the ability to stay home if they are sick
3 without -- if they are sick without worrying about
4 their paycheck or employment.

5 CTA then will work with our medical
6 service provider Concentra to make sure that an
7 employee without health care coverage can call or
8 come in to any one of their urgent care facilities
9 if they were experiencing COVID-19 symptoms at no
10 additional cost to the employee.

11 CTA has reminded employees throughout this
12 time that all employees, including Second Chance
13 participants, have access to CTA's employee
14 assistance program.

15 And finally, the Second Chance Program is
16 a partnership, that I would remind the Board, with
17 partner agencies who support the participants with
18 wraparound services and the CTA, as part of this
19 apprenticeship program, is continuing to provide
20 them with the job experience, training, and support
21 that they need to find permanent long-term
22 employment.

23 We have always recognized that
24 participants encounter additional barriers during



1 their employment, be it childcare, housing, or
2 otherwise, and make sure that we have agencies that
3 can assist those employees.

4 Second Chance participants also have an
5 internal advocate within the CTA in the training
6 and workforce development department and outside of
7 the management chain of command. The training and
8 workforce development department continually checks
9 with participants, their managers, and partner
10 agencies to make sure that we are identifying any
11 barriers and addressing them.

12 And I can't emphasize this enough in terms
13 of my closing remarks here. No employee, be it the
14 Second Chance Program or any of my full-time or
15 part-time employees, will be terminated because
16 they go out sick as a result of the COVID-19
17 illness. We have been very clear about that
18 throughout all of the brochures and material we put
19 out to our employees and we continue to reemphasize
20 that whenever we can.

21 The bottom line is I don't want employees
22 coming to work sick. That endangers themselves.
23 That endangers their fellow employees. That
24 endangers our customers that are riding public.



1 So we are encouraging employees to go home
2 and stay home until they feel better and we have
3 done that by basically providing them full pay,
4 which is more than the collective bargaining
5 agreement would require, in order to ensure that
6 they suffer no financial hardship or ask any other
7 perverse incentive to want to come into work in
8 spite of the fact that they may not be feeling
9 well.

10 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Dorval, thanks for that.
11 Did you have any other comment?

12 PRESIDENT CARTER: No, that was it.

13 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Okay. Karen, what I
14 would hope -- you know, and the other board members
15 can kind of weigh in, and I think that Dorval laid
16 out point by point trying to address the concerns
17 raised in the letter. If we could also respond --
18 you know, if you can respond on Dorval's behalf in
19 terms of a written response to the concerns raised
20 in this letter that would incorporate Dorval's
21 response to the Board.

22 MS. SEIMETZ: Karen Seimetz, general counsel.
23 Yes, Chairman, I can do that.

24 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: All right. Thank you.



1 PRESIDENT CARTER: Mr. Chairman, one other
2 point that I want to make as we move forward with
3 this and I've made this point to each of you
4 individually in conversations that I've had.
5 Everyone needs to understand that there's no
6 written playbook right now. We're all trying to
7 figure it out as we go along. So I didn't go into
8 this event with a defined answer to every question
9 or every incident or every situation that we're
10 going to encounter.

11 I do need to say that we have been in
12 constant communication with our unions who
13 represent all bargained-for employees at CTA to
14 both seek their input, guidance, and sign-off on
15 the things that we are doing and we continue to do
16 that going forward.

17 I have no doubt that there will be
18 additional policies and initiatives that we will
19 pursue that are intended to further protect and
20 enhance the support that we're giving to our
21 employees. And I can tell you that I'm personally
22 spending every day trying to think about how I can
23 better do that so that our employees and our
24 customers are protected while we continue to



1 provide the highest level of service that we
2 possibly can under these circumstances.

3 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Thank you.

4 MR. IRVINE: Mr. Chairman, this is Kevin. May
5 I ask a question?

6 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine, ask your
7 question.

8 MR. IRVINE: Thank you. First, President
9 Carter, thank you so much for the detailed
10 explanation and for you and your team and all the
11 work that you've been doing and scrambling trying
12 to manage the response during these unprecedented
13 (inaudible) CTA and the community is dealing with.

14 I just saw in today's New York Times, in
15 New York City, 41 transit workers have died from
16 COVID-19. which, even though New York City is a
17 much larger system than ours, even proportionally,
18 if that were happening in Chicago, that would still
19 be a stunning number of people.

20 And I know the situation in New York is
21 different than Chicago and is -- it's the worst
22 spot in the U.S. and right now I think even in the
23 world. Have you been able to or your team been
24 able to look at what's happening in New York to



1 determine if there's anything else we can do, any
2 lessons we can learn to try and prevent similar
3 situations from happening here?

4 PRESIDENT CARTER: I think the short answer to
5 your question is yes. We have been looking at what
6 New York is doing. We've been looking at just
7 about what every transit system has been doing
8 across the country and we are certainly stealing
9 from and using things that other transit systems
10 have done or learned in our experience for what we
11 do.

12 I am now on almost daily calls with CEOs
13 around the country talking about various issues
14 that we're experiencing with regard to the pandemic
15 and exchanging ideas and thoughts on how to deal
16 with them.

17 You're absolutely right to point out the
18 situation in New York is horrific. And certainly
19 the number of deaths by transit employees in
20 New York is a very sobering, sobering fact. I will
21 say that we have been fortunate so far to not have
22 experienced an employee death at CTA. But we
23 obviously have employees who are getting sick as a
24 result of this virus.



1 I think it's also important to point out
2 that with the ongoing community spread that's
3 happening throughout the entire city, the
4 likelihood of more employees getting sick and more
5 challenges facing CTA are very real and while we
6 may not experience what New York has experienced
7 here in Chicago, I think it's safe to say, and if
8 anyone has been following all of the media accounts
9 from both the Mayor and Governor around this, that
10 we're preparing for a wave of challenges in Chicago
11 as well, possibly within the next week or so.

12 And so as a result, I'm continuing to
13 identify new policies and procedures we can put in
14 place that I hope will identify additional layers
15 of protection for our employees as well as
16 continuing to encourage our employees if they are
17 sick to stay home and to not try to work if you are
18 experiencing any sort of flu-like symptoms, whether
19 you know or don't know that you have COVID-19, and
20 we'll continue to pursue that as we go forward to
21 make sure that we're identifying best practices
22 everywhere and aligning them with the advice that
23 we're getting from the health experts for the
24 actions that we should take here at CTA.



1 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Dorval, this is Terry.
2 Just a follow-up question too. In light of the
3 guidance around masks, the wearing of masks, have
4 we made any adjustments as it relates to
5 additional -- I know you mentioned the gloves and
6 --

7 PRESIDENT CARTER: Yes.

8 MR. PETERSON: -- in terms of the cleaning.
9 What are we doing around the issues of masks?

10 PRESIDENT CARTER: We have actually issued
11 guidance to all of our employees informing them
12 that they are allowed to wear cloth masks in the
13 performance of their work as long as it does not
14 create a safety hazard and my understanding is that
15 many of our frontline employees are now wearing
16 masks as a further layer of protection.

17 As you pointed out, Chairman, up until
18 Friday, the guidance that we had been getting from
19 both CDC and the Chicago Department of Public
20 Health is that masks were not necessary if you were
21 healthy. That guidance obviously changed
22 dramatically on Friday and so we have updated our
23 policy to reflect the most recent guidance from the
24 CDC.



1 I have instructed our employees
2 accordingly as to the ability to start to use cloth
3 masks immediately if they choose to do so. It is a
4 voluntary action on our part. We're not mandating
5 them. But as far as I've been able to see
6 anecdotally, most employees, if not all, are taking
7 advantage of this new directive to wear masks in
8 the performance of their work.

9 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Are we doing anything to
10 acquire masks to provide them?

11 PRESIDENT CARTER: We are in the process of
12 procuring masks to provide for them. As you can
13 imagine, when the CDC announced that they were
14 going to allow or recommend this, the demand for
15 these masks went through the roof almost
16 immediately. So we are in the process of doing
17 that. In the meantime, we have given our employees
18 a link that will show them how to make their own
19 mask or we authorized them to wear any personal
20 mask that they choose to wear or covering to
21 basically address their personal situation.

22 MR. PETERSON: I know I'm sure there's
23 coordination with the Chicago Department of Public
24 Health and the City, who I know I think are



1 purchasing, you know, PPE items in bulk. So,
2 again, I don't know if you're talking with them
3 about how they're purchasing it or using them.

4 PRESIDENT CARTER: Yeah. We have daily
5 meetings with the City and all the City departments
6 about resource needs and both -- purchasing. I can
7 tell you, the City is experiencing the same
8 challenges that we are experiencing right now in
9 terms of getting access to the masks and are in the
10 process of attempting to procure masks themselves.

11 But yes, we work closely with the City on
12 all issues, not just this issue, and have, you
13 know, at least two calls a day with the City
14 talking through the strategies and the issues and
15 the resources needed for the City's overall
16 response to the pandemic.

17 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Any other questions for
18 Dorval from the Board?

19 MS. ALVA ROSALES: I guess I just have a
20 question. This is Arabel. There's a number of
21 organizations that are making, you know, the cloth
22 masks as well. If some of them are making that as
23 a charitable contribution, who would they contact
24 at the CTA for that?



1 PRESIDENT CARTER: Actually, the City of
2 Chicago has been the one that has been the conduit
3 for any sort of charitable donations for response
4 to the pandemic. And, Arabel, I can get you the
5 actual contact information of the person at the
6 city that we would direct them to.

7 MS. ALVA ROSALES: Okay. Great.

8 PRESIDENT CARTER: I can give it to the rest of
9 the Board too, I just don't have it off the top of
10 my head.

11 MS. ALVA ROSALES: Sounds good. Thank you.

12 MR. LONGHINI: This is Greg. Any questions
13 from Judge Chevere --

14 MS. CHEVERE: No questions.

15 MR. LONGHINI: -- or comment?

16 Reverends Jakes?

17 MR. JAKES: No.

18 MR. LONGHINI: Reverend Miller?

19 MR. MILLER: No questions. Thanks.

20 MR. LONGHINI: Director Silva, do you have any
21 questions or comments?

22 MR. SILVA: No questions.

23 MR. LONGHINI: Okay. Then, Chairman, I believe
24 all the questions are finished and Dorval's



1 presentation seems finished. So given that, this
2 concludes the public comment section of today's
3 board meeting, sir.

4 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Okay. Thanks, Greg.

5 The next order of business today is the
6 approval of the March 12th, 2020 -- I'm sorry,
7 March 11th, 2020 board minutes. The meeting -- the
8 minutes were previously distributed. I will now
9 entertain a motion -- if there are no questions, I
10 will now entertain a motion to approve the minutes
11 of the regular board meeting of March 11, 2020.

12 MS. ALVA ROSALES: So moved.

13 MR. IRVINE: Second.

14 MR. LONGHINI: Moved by Director Alva Rosales,
15 seconded by Director Irvine. I'll now take a
16 rollcall vote on the March minutes.

17 Judge Chevere?

18 MS. CHEVERE: Yes.

19 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

20 MR. JAKES: Yes.

21 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

22 MR. MILLER: Yes.

23 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

24 MR. IRVINE: Abstain.



1 MR. LONGHINI: Director Silva?

2 MR. SILVA: Yes.

3 MR. LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

4 MS. ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

5 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

6 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Yes.

7 MR. LONGHINI: That motion is approved with six
8 votes and one abstention by Director Irvine.

9 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: All right. Thanks,
10 Greg.

11 The next order of business is board
12 matters. Karen.

13 MS. SEIMETZ: Karen Seimetz, general counsel.
14 Thank you, Chairman.

15 This next matter is a recommendation from
16 the law department to settle the lawsuit entitled
17 Joanne Baroud, Limited Guardian for the Estate and
18 Person of Raymond Baroud, versus Chicago Transit
19 Authority and Erik D. Towner, Circuit Court of Cook
20 County number 012694.

21 This case involves a pedestrian-bus
22 accident which occurred on November 16th, 2018 at
23 approximately 3:30 in the afternoon at Madison and
24 Pulaski. Mr. Baroud, who at the time of the



1 accident was 80 years old, was walking about eight
2 to ten feet outside the crosswalk when the CTA bus
3 made a right turn and struck him.

4 As a result of the accident, Mr. Baroud's
5 left leg was amputated about five inches above the
6 knee. His medical expenses are \$370,000 and
7 ongoing. He is currently residing in a skilled
8 nursing home.

9 The case was mediated before former Judge
10 Hogan. On March 12th, the parties have agreed to a
11 resolution of \$3 million to resolve the case in its
12 entirety and the law department recommends this
13 settlement.

14 That concludes my report on the case.

15 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Okay. Thanks, Karen.
16 We will now consider board item number 4A, a
17 settlement recommendation in the amount of
18 \$3 million in the Circuit Court of Cook County,
19 case number 2018 L 012694, the case of Joanne
20 Baroud, Limited Guardian of the Estate and Plenary
21 Guardian of the Person Raymond Baroud, a Person
22 under Limited Guardianship versus Chicago Transit
23 Authority, a Municipal Corporation and Erik D.
24 Towner. May I have a motion to approve?



1 MS. ALVA ROSALES: So moved.

2 MR. IRVINE: Second.

3 MR. LONGHINI: Moved by Director Alva Rosales,
4 seconded by Director Irvine. I will now take a
5 rollcall vote on the settlement offer.

6 Director Chevere?

7 MS. CHEVERE: Yes.

8 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

9 MR. JAKES: Approve.

10 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

11 MR. MILLER: Yes.

12 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

13 MR. IRVINE: Yes.

14 MR. LONGHINI: Director Silva?

15 MR. SILVA: Yes.

16 MR. LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

17 MS. ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

18 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

19 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Yes.

20 MR. LONGHINI: That motion is approved, sir,
21 with six yes votes -- I'm sorry, seven yes votes.

22 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Thanks Greg.

23 The next order of business is a report
24 from the Committee on Finance, Audit and Budget.



1 Director Silva.

2 MR. SILVA: The Committee on Finance, Audit and
3 Budget met earlier this morning. The Committee
4 approved the March 2020 committee minutes and
5 reviewed the finance report. The Committee also
6 reviewed 11 ordinances.

7 An ordinance authorizing establishment of
8 a short-term operating borrowing program.

9 An ordinance authorizing the execution of
10 supplemental indentures and issuance of Capital
11 Receipts Revenue Refunding Bonds, the Series 2020
12 GARVEE Bonds.

13 An ordinance authorizing the execution of
14 supplemental indentures and issuance of Sales Tax
15 Receipts Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2020 and
16 Sales Tax Receipts and Transfer Tax Receipts
17 Revenue Refunding Bonds. The Series 2020 Refunding
18 Bonds.

19 An ordinance authorizing the execution of
20 supplemental indentures and issuance of Sales Tax
21 Receipts Revenue Bonds, Series 2020. The Series
22 2020 New Money Bonds.

23 An ordinance authorizing the execution of
24 supplemental indentures and issuance of Sales Tax



1 Receipts Revenue Bonds, Series 2020, Ground
2 Transportation Tax IGA Revenues.

3 An ordinance authorizing an amendment to a
4 diesel fuel contract with Mansfield Oil Company of
5 Gainesville, Inc. to extend the contract for one
6 year.

7 An ordinance authorizing the treasurer to
8 execute a diesel fuel contact.

9 An ordinance authorizing a co-promotional
10 advertising trade agreement with Bank of America,
11 N.A. for the 2020 Bank of America Chicago 13.1.

12 An ordinance authorizing an amendment to a
13 sublease to Decennial Group, LLC, a portion of
14 property located at 120 North Racine Avenue,
15 Chicago, Illinois.

16 An ordinance authorizing a lease of retail
17 concession space located at 4612 West 59th Street,
18 Chicago, Illinois, Orange Line.

19 An ordinance authorizing an
20 intergovernmental agreement with the City of
21 Chicago through its Department of Police for
22 Federal -- fiscal year 2019 transit security grant
23 funds.

24 The Committee approved all 11 ordinances,



1 placed them -- placed all of them on the omnibus
2 and recommended Board approval of the omnibus.

3 That concludes my report, Chairman
4 Peterson.

5 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Thank you, Director
6 Silva.

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

9 MS. ALVA ROSALES: So moved.

10 MR. IRVINE: Second.

11 MR. LONGHINI: Motion has been moved by
12 Director Alva Rosales and seconded by Director
13 Irvine. I will now take a rollcall vote.

14 Judge Chevere?

15 MS. CHEVERE: Yes.

16 MR. LONGHINI: Reverend Jakes?

17 MR. JAKES: Yes.

18 MR. LONGHINI: Reverend Miller?

19 MR. MILLER: Yes.

20 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

21 MR. IRVINE: Yes.

22 MR. LONGHINI: Director Silva?

23 MR. SILVA: Yes.

24 MR. LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?



1 MS. ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

2 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

3 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Yes.

4 MR. LONGHINI: The motion to approve the
5 omnibus passes with seven yes votes, sir.

6 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Thanks, Greg. The next
7 agenda item is new business. Greg, is there any
8 new business to come before the Board?

9 MR. LONGHINI: Not that I'm aware of, sir.

10 MR. PETERSON: Thank you, Greg.

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

13 MS. ALVA ROSALES: So moved.

14 MR. IRVINE: Second.

15 MR. LONGHINI: The motion to adjourn has been
16 moved by Director Alva Rosales and seconded by
17 Director Irvine. I will take a rollcall vote.

18 Judge Chevere?

19 MS. CHEVERE: Yes.

20 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

21 MR. JAKES: Yes.

22 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

23 MR. MILLER: Yes.

24 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?



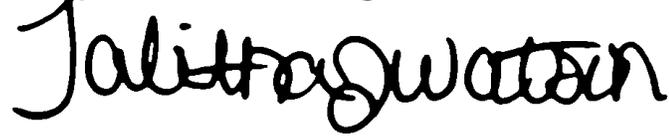
1 MR. IRVINE: Yes.
2 MR. LONGHINI: Director Silva?
3 MR. SILVA: Yes.
4 MR. LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?
5 MS. ALVA ROSALES: Yes.
6 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?
7 CHAIRPERSON PETERSON: Yes.
8 MR. LONGHINI: The motion passes with seven yes
9 votes, sir. The board meeting for April is
10 adjourned. Thank you.

11 (which were all the proceedings
12 had in the above-entitled
13 cause.)
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