

ORDINANCE NO. 026-62

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING A  
TRUSTEE AND AN ALTERNATE  
TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE RETIREMENT PLAN  
FOR CHICAGO TRANSIT  
AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, The Illinois Pension Code, 40 ILCS 5/22-101 *et seq.*, directs the Chicago Transit Board (the “Board”) to appoint five trustees to the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees; and

WHEREAS, The bylaws for the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees allow for the appointment of alternates; and

WHEREAS, On April 20, 2022, per Ordinance No. 022-35, the Board appointed Theresa Fletcher-Brown to replace Patricia Thomas-Miller as trustee to the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees and Michele Curran (Finn) to replace Erin Kleist Gaynor as alternate to the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees; and

WHEREAS, It is recommended that Merresa Topps-Akindele be appointed to replace Theresa Fletcher-Brown as trustee to the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees, and Rovaughn Graham be appointed to replace the since vacated position held by Michele Curran (Finn) as alternate to the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Chicago Transit Authority Act, 70 ILCS 3605/7(d) and the Northern Illinois Transit Act, 70 ILCS 3615/2.20, (eff. June 1, 2026), the Authority may provide for the insurance of any officer or employee of the Authority against loss or damage to property from any cause in the performance of the duties of his/her office or employment; and

WHEREAS, The Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Authority to indemnify the aforementioned appointees and any successor appointee to the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD  
OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. Effective immediately, the Board hereby appoints Merresa Topps-Akindele as trustee and Rovaughn Graham as alternate to the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees. This trustee and any successor trustee and this alternate and any successor alternate shall have all duties and

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responsibilities conferred upon them pursuant to the legislation creating the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees and any amendments thereto.

SECTION 2. If any claim or action is instituted against any trustee, successor trustee, alternate, or successor alternate to the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees based on harm or damage allegedly arising out of any act or omission of any such trustee, successor trustee, alternate, or successor alternate occurring within the scope of their appointment or work on behalf of the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees, the Authority shall indemnify such trustee, successor trustee, alternate, or successor alternate for all legal expenses, court costs and for any amount paid pursuant to any judgment on, or any good faith settlement of such claim, except for any portion of a judgment awarded for willful or wanton misconduct.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be deemed to be and shall constitute a contract between the Authority and the trustee, successor trustee, alternate, or successor alternate to the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees.

SECTION 4. The Board retains the authority to modify these appointments at any time.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

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Chairman

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Secretary

June 10, 2026

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