

January 18, 2023. Chicago Transit Board Regular Meeting Minutes.

Noticed for 10:00 a.m. Commenced at 10:24 a.m.

AGENDA: The posted agenda for the meeting is available at www.transitchicago.com, “Chicago Transit Board”, “Meeting Notices, Agendas, and Minutes”, (01/18/2024) (Regular Board Meeting), “Agenda”.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lester Barclay at 10:24 a.m.

There was a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL: Directors: Lester L. Barclay (Chairman), Neema Jha, Rosa Ortiz, Johnny Miller and Bernard Jakes were in person.

Chairman Barclay addressed the Board members and stated that Director Lee was suffering from a personal illness and desired to participate in the meeting remotely. Director Miller moved that Director Lee be permitted to participate in the CTA regular Transit Board meeting remotely. Director Ortiz seconded the motion. The roll call vote to permit Director Lee to participate in the meeting remotely passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Barclay then advanced the agenda to Public Comments. Secretary Greenlee advised that there were written public comments to be distributed to the Transit Board members which had been submitted by John Paul Jones of Sustainable Englewood Initiatives and Caroline Pavlecic. Five public comments were made in person by the following persons:

- Michale Metz of Commuters Take Action;
- Nik Hunder of Commuters Take Action;
- Bruce Martin;
- Isaac Campbell; and
- Trudy Leong

Each public commentator was thanked by Chairman Barclay for addressing the board.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Denise Barreto who is the CTA’s Chief Equity and Engagement Officer and Sam Smith who serves as the CTA’s Vice President for Legislative Affairs presented the Transit Board with a Legislative Update. Following the presentation there were questions and a discussion. Every board member personally availed themselves to assist with advocating for CTA funding to elected officials in Springfield and throughout the greater Chicagoland area.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

President Carter presented his report:

- He addressed the reopening of the Yellow Line train following the collision in November of 2023 between a commuter train and a piece of snow removal equipment. The NTSB investigation is

ongoing, and the NTSB team was still gathering information related to the incident.

- The CTA is working closely with the NTSB in their investigation and in assisting their team.
- The Orange Line train derailment. There were no injuries and the train that derailed was moving at a very slow speed due to work that was being done on the tracks by CTA's Infrastructure Team. The work was completed.
- President Carter gave thanks and commended all of the CTA workers who braved extreme sub-zero temperatures over the past several days to de-ice doors and rail lines and to ensure that service continued. He noted that there are no trains that do well when the weather is as inclement as it has been in Chicago – Metra and Amtrack have been challenged to keep their trains running. However, without the valiant efforts of CTA employees the agency would not be able to provide service to those who rely on public transportation. He gave a special commendation to Chief Transit Officer Don Bonds and Chief Infrastructure Officer Bill Mooney.
- Several board members echoed President Carter's gratitude to CTA management and staff who have allowed the buses and rails to run in spite of extreme weather conditions.

MINUTES: Chairman Barclay asked for a motion to approve the regular Board meeting minutes from December 13, 2023. After being moved by Director Miller and seconded by Director Ortiz, the minutes were approved with six votes in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CTA's General Counsel Kent Ray explained that it was necessary for the Board to move into closed session pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Section 2C, Subsections 1, 11 and 21.

Chairman Barclay requested a motion to recess into Executive Session for the reasons stated by Counsel.

Director Miller so moved, and the motion was seconded by Director Ortiz.

The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote. The Board recessed to Executive Session at 11:42 a.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:15 p.m.

Chairman Barclay requested a motion to return to Open Session. Director Miller moved that the Transit Board move back into Open Session and the motion was seconded by Director Ortiz. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The next item on the agenda was Item 6A which was the review and adoption of the Closed Meeting Minutes from December 13, 2023. Director Miller moved that the minutes be adopted as submitted. The motion was seconded by Director Ortiz. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Agenda Item 6B: The Board discussed in Executive Session the reviewed the recommended findings and decision of the Hearing Committee appointed in connection with a review of the discharge of CTA employee Kevin McCormick under Section 28 of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. Director Miller moved that the Board approve the Hearing Committee's recommendation to sustain McCormick's discharge and Director Ortiz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

BOARD MATTERS: Chairman Barclay asked whether there were any Board Matters? Secretary Greenlee advised that the Board had five (5) Board Matters for the meeting:

1. To receive a report from the Citizens Advisory Board from Vice Chairperson Rob Johnson.

Following the report made by Rob Johnson regarding the 4th Quarter 2023 activities of the Citizens Advisory Board, Chairman Barclay and several members of the Board thanked him and the CAB for their hard work.

2. To approve a resolution changing the date of the January 2024 Chicago Transit Board Regular Meeting from January 12, 2024, to January 18, 2024.

Director Miller moved to approve the resolution and the motion was seconded by Director Ortiz. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

3. To approve an ordinance supplementing Ordinance 016-100, which amended Ordinance 006-75, regarding rules of conduct for CTA riders.

Director Miller moved to approve the ordinance and the motion was seconded by Director Ortiz. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. To approve an ordinance appointing Kristina Becker Norman B. Jones and Jessica Pipersburgh to the Chicago Transit Authority Ethics Committee.

Director Miller moved to approve the ordinance appointing Kristina Becker Norman B. Jones and Jessica Pipersburgh to the CTA Ethics Committee and the motion was seconded by Director Ortiz. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5. To approve an ordinance authorizing a first amendment to the sublease with the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc of the 12th Floor located at 567 West Lake Street, Chicago, IL.

Director Miller moved to approve the ordinance and the motion was seconded by Director Ortiz. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND SERVICE DELIVERY: Director Rosa Ortiz, who is the Vice Chair of the Committee on Strategic Planning and Service Delivery gave the report of the committee.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, AUDIT AND BUDGET: The Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee interim chair Director Jakes presented the report. The committee reviewed the monthly Finance report and approved the December 13, 2023, FAB committee minutes. Director Jakes stated that all Committee agenda items, listed on the Board agenda, were presented, reviewed, discussed, and recommended by the Committee, for Board approval. Director Jakes stated that all the approved committee items, 5 ordinances and 8 contracts, were placed on the omnibus for approval by the Board. Director Jakes concluded his report.

Chairman Barclay asked for a motion to approve the omnibus as stated by Director Jakes.

After being moved by Director Miller and seconded by Director Ortiz, the motion was approved with six yes votes.

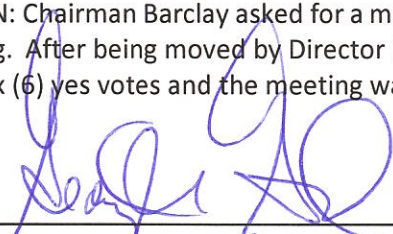
All approved January 18, 2024, Board ordinances are available online, at www.transitchicago.com, "Chicago Transit Board", "Board Ordinances", Ordinance numbers 024-001– 024-015, "Board Resolutions", Resolution Number R024-1.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT: The Construction Report was given by Bill Mooney, IV, Chief Infrastructure Officer. He was joined by JuanPablo Prieto, Director of Diversity Programs.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT: The Construction Report was presented and can be found at: <https://www.transitchicago.com/board/presentations/>

NEW BUSINESS: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chairman Barclay asked for a motion to adjourn the January 18, 2024, Chicago Transit Board meeting. After being moved by Director Miller and seconded by Director Ortiz, the motion was approved with six (6) yes votes and the meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

APPROVED: 
Secretary of the CTA Board of Directors

Date: 02/14/2024