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5
6 Held via videoconference

7 on

8 April 12th, 2023

9 at

10 9:42 a.m.

11 at

12 567 West Lake Street, 2nd Floor,

13 Chicago, Illinois 60661

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16 STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS via
17 videoconference had in the above-entitled cause
18 held at the Chicago Transit Authority Headquarters,
19 567 West Lake Street, 2nd Floor, Chicago, Illinois,
20 L. Bernard Jakes, presiding.

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1 BOARD MEMBERS:

2 MR. LESTER L. BARCLAY, Director;

3 DR. L. BERNARD JAKES, Chairman;

4 MS. NEEMA JHA, Director;

5 MS. MICHELE A. LEE, Director;

6 REV. JOHNNY L. MILLER, Director;

7 MS. ROSA ORTIZ, Director;

8 MR. DORVAL R. CARTER, JR., President;

9 MR. KENT S. RAY, General Counsel;

10 MS. GEORGETTE L. GREENLEE, Secretary.

11 PRESENTERS:

12 MR. JEREMY FINE, Chief Financial Officer.

13 ALSO PRESENT:

14 MR. WILLIAM ANDERSON, Manager, External
Electronic Communications;

15 MR. DONALD BONDS, Chief Transit Officer;

16 MR. MARC BUHMANN, Videographer;

17 MR. JAY CHAROENRATH, General Manager,
18 Bus Engineering and Heavy Maintenance
and Instruction;

19 MR. MICHAEL CONNELLY, Chief Planning Officer;

20 MR. TONY COPPOLETTA, General Manager of
21 Customer Information;

22 MS. MICHELE CURRAN, Vice President,
23 Budget & Capital Finance;

24 MS. STINA FISH,
Senior Manager, Business Development;



1 ALSO PRESENT:(Continued)

2 MR. ANDREW FULLER, Chief Internal Auditor;

3 MS. CAROLINE GALLAGHER,
4 Chief Strategy, Data and Technology Officer;

5 MS. ELSA GUTIERREZ, Vice President, Planning;

6 MS. BRITTNEY JOHNSON, Senior Manager,
7 Certification & Compliance Diversity;

8 MS. NORA LEERHSEN, Chief of Staff;

9 MS. ELLEN MCCORMACK, Vice President of
10 Purchasing and Supply Chain;

11 MR. THOMAS MCKONE,
12 Chief Administrative Officer;

13 MR. WILLIAM MOONEY,
14 Chief Infrastructure Officer;

15 MS. APRIL MORGAN,
16 Chief of Staff, Office of the Chairman;

17 MR. HERB NITZ,
18 Director, Technology Engineering;

19 MS. MOLLY POPPE, Chief Innovation Officer;

20 MR. DAVE PRAFULL,
21 Director of Strategic Business Initiatives;

22 MS. LISA SMITH,
23 Director of Budget;

24 MR. SAMUEL SMITH,
Vice President, Legislative Affairs;

MR. BRIAN STEELE,
Vice President of Communication and Marketing;

MS. NANCY-ELLEN ZUSMAN,
Chief Safety & Security Officer.



1 (whereupon the meeting
2 convened at 9:42 a.m.
3 as follows:)

4 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Good morning. I'm
5 Georgette Greenlee, the Secretary of the Board of
6 Commissioners with the Chicago Transit Authority.
7 The committee on strategic -- the Committee on
8 Finance, Audit and Budget scheduled for 9:30 this
9 morning will be followed by the regular board
10 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chicago
11 Transit Authority. On March 8th, 2023, the Office
12 of the Secretary issued a notice of changed format
13 of meetings of Committees on the Finance, Audit and
14 Budget, as well as the Transit Board Meeting
15 scheduled for today, April 12th, 2023. Due to the
16 Covid-19 pandemic, there's currently in place a
17 statewide disaster proclamation that has been
18 renewed from month to month. Pursuant to
19 Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act, virtual
20 public meetings are permitted while the disaster
21 proclamation remains in effect. Since the
22 Governor's disaster proclamation remains in effect
23 in the state of Illinois, the meetings of
24 April 12th, 2023 are being held electronically and



1 virtually for members of the public. At this point
2 we are ready to start the meeting of the Committee
3 of Finance, Audit and Budget. Director Jakes?

4 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Yeah. All right. Well, good
5 morning everyone. I would like to call to order
6 the April 12th, 2023 meeting of the Committee on
7 Finance, Audit and Budget. Georgette, would you,
8 please, call the roll?

9 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

10 DIRECTOR JHA: Here.

11 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

12 DIRECTOR MILLER: Here.

13 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

14 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Here.

15 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

16 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Here.

17 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Lee?

18 DIRECTOR LEE: Here.

19 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

20 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Here.

21 SECRETARY GREENLEE: You have a quorum.

22 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Thank you, Georgette. Our
23 first order of business is the approval of the
24 committee minutes of March 8th, 2023. May I have a



1 motion to approve?

2 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

3 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Georgette, will you call the
5 roll and announce the vote and then say -- do what
6 you do?

7 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Absolutely. Director Jha?

8 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Thank you.

10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

11 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

12 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

13 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yes.

14 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

15 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Yes.

16 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

17 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

18 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Lee?

19 DIRECTOR LEE: Yes.

20 SECRETARY GREENLEE: The motion passes.

21 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Our next order of business is
22 the finance report with Jeremy Fine. Jeremy?

23 MR. FINE: Good morning. I'm Jeremy Fine, your
24 chief Financial officer. And today I'll walk



1 through the results for February and year-to-date
2 numbers. On the first page here you see February
3 revenues. February revenues for fare and passes
4 are coming in slightly above budgeted expectations
5 by \$200,000. A little bit above on the fareboxes
6 and a little bit below on the passes. Reduced fare
7 subsidy is coming in as expected. Non-farebox
8 totals are coming in better than expected by
9 1.7 million dollars. So that leaves us for the
10 month of February up almost 2 million dollars.
11 1.9 million dollars to budget and about 6 million,
12 6.2 better than February of 2022. On the next page
13 you see year-to-date numbers for January and
14 February. We see positive trajectory on farebox
15 passes and fare and pass totals accumulating to
16 about 3.9 million dollars. Reduced fare subsidy
17 continues to come in as expected and non-farebox
18 totals for year-to-date have come in 2.3 million
19 dollars better than expected. So overall for
20 January and February we are coming in a little over
21 6 million dollars better than budgeted for the
22 first two months of the year. And over 14 million
23 dollars better than this time last year.

24 On the next page you see our expenses for



1 the month of February. We see labor coming in
2 about 4 -- or 5.4 million dollars better than
3 budget -- budget. Material is essentially flat but
4 slightly positive. Fuel and power continue to be
5 strong performers for us and injuries and damages
6 in security services coming in either flat or at
7 slightly below budgeted expectations. And other
8 expenses coming in for the month of February about
9 1.7 million dollars better than expected. So that
10 leaves us for the month of February for our
11 expenses better than budget by about 8.7 million
12 dollars and when you couple that with our revenues,
13 it's about 10.7 million dollars better than budget.
14 On the next page you see year-to-date numbers.
15 Labor coming in positive by about 13.4. Materials
16 essentially flat but slightly down. Fuel and power
17 are strong performers for us. Injuries and damages
18 in security services either flat or slightly down.
19 And other expenses for the first two months of the
20 year are essentially flat but slightly down. So
21 overall for the months of January and February we
22 are positive on our expense to budget by about
23 15.4 million dollars. And when you couple in the
24 revenues, that's about 21.6 million dollars better



1 than expected. With regard to our public funding,
2 we have three pages here. The first page is an
3 amalgamation of both 2022 and 2023. We have now
4 received the final installment of sales tax for the
5 month of December. And that came in about
6 2.1 million dollars better than the amended and
7 about 6.5 better than the original budget. PTF,
8 RETT and PTF on RETT are for the year 2023 and we
9 see only variance to the original budgets. In
10 these cases for PTF we see about \$300,000 of
11 outperformance for the month of March. Real estate
12 transfer tax is underperforming by about
13 3.9 million for the month of February. And PTF on
14 RETT for March is underperforming by about \$700,000
15 and ICE is flat to the amended budget and better
16 than the original budget by \$100,000. So overall
17 for the month we're better on the respective bases
18 of 2.1 against the amended budget and 2.3 against
19 the original budget. The next page has this broken
20 out for the calendar year 2022. And you can see
21 here at the bottom line is that we're coming in
22 almost 52 million dollars better than the amended
23 budget now that we've received the final
24 installment of sales tax through December. So



1 that's substantial tailwind. And you can see that
2 also against the original budget where we're coming
3 in about 131.5 million dollars better than the
4 original 2022 budget. So again substantial
5 tailwinds with regard to public funding in
6 particular of 2022, you know, allowed us to draw
7 down less than we had expected on the federal
8 relief funding which we'll talk about more in a
9 moment.

10 On the next page you'll see are the 2023
11 numbers. Again we've not yet received the
12 installment for January for sales tax. We'll
13 receive that next month. But for PTF we're above
14 by 5 million dollars. 4.9 through March. Real
15 estate transfer tax and PTF on -- on the RETT is
16 lagging budgeted expectation due to the impact of
17 higher interest rates has had a chilling effect on
18 the overall sale of real estate because of those
19 higher interest rates. So you see that manifest
20 here. So our overall for 2023 without yet
21 receiving any sales tax receipts we're, you know,
22 essentially flat but slightly down by about
23 4.7 million dollars total when you net out the PTF
24 and the RETT and the PTF on RETT.



1 with regard to our federal relief funding,
2 as I mentioned, we're seeing less draws than we had
3 originally indicated because of the fact that the
4 tailwinds of sales tax in particular through 2022
5 were so strong. But here for the month we're
6 drawing down about 22.1 million dollars. We're
7 drawing down against three -- the three remaining
8 federal grants, the CRSAA, the ARP and the ARP
9 discretionary, to keep all three grants active.
10 And to date we've drawn about 44.2 percent of the
11 total allocation which leaves us about
12 1.2 billion remaining. And, you know, as we close
13 out 2022 with the final installment of sales tax,
14 we now see that we're coming in about 48 million
15 dollars better than we had originally estimated so
16 we have more funds remaining. And again primarily
17 driven by the excess sales tax that we received as
18 well as our revenues and expenses that we talked
19 about with regard to system-generated revenues and
20 expenses.

21 with regard to the three commodities that
22 we purchase, fuel, power and natural gas, since we
23 last spoke last month, we've been able to lock in
24 an additional 10 percent of 2024 volume as well as



1 2025 volume. So now we're closing in on the
2 targeted 75 percent of -- you know, for purchase
3 for those outer years of '24 and '25. We'll look
4 for selective opportunities to continue to purchase
5 those outer year volumes. But again this strategy
6 has worked very well for us on being able to lock
7 in at low rates and also lock in for the benefit of
8 budget certainty. We'll also continue to look for
9 opportunities in the future with regard to power
10 and natural gas. But that concludes my remarks for
11 February and year-to-date results and I'm glad to
12 answer any questions.

13 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Thank you, Jeremy. With
14 the -- the numbers look great. But my question for
15 you is with the federal relief money because our
16 numbers are going up financially will we -- is
17 there a time that you have to pull all that money
18 down or -- or is -- it would be kind of like if you
19 don't use it, you lose it without numbers
20 increasing on -- with public funding. . .

21 MR. FINE: Yeah. So we're expecting -- what --
22 we do not expect to lose any of the funding. We
23 are actively using all three grants. We, you know,
24 pull down against each of the three remaining



1 grants on purpose so that we keep each of those
2 grants active. And that's important in the federal
3 government's eyes to have active grants because if
4 they are not active, you know, they could
5 potentially be subject to clawback from the federal
6 government if they felt like those funds were not
7 being utilized. As part of our budget process last
8 year, we projected that the funds will be expended
9 through 2025 and into the early part of 2026. So
10 we have enough federal funding to cover gaps
11 through '25 into '26 based on current projections.
12 But again I think that these are critical funds.
13 Funds that we need to continue to close the gaps as
14 we pursue additional funding, you know, for our
15 operations going forward post -- you know,
16 post-pandemic, post-federal emergency relief
17 funding. And again we -- we do not expect to have
18 any of these dollars at risk because of the fact
19 that we're actively monitoring the situation and
20 actively drawing against all three remaining
21 grants.

22 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Okay. Good. I don't believe
23 in giving back money so that's good, Jeremy. Thank
24 you.



1 MR. FINE: We don't either.

2 CHAIRMAN JAKES: No further questions for me,
3 Georgette.

4 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Lee, do you have
5 any questions?

6 DIRECTOR LEE: Just one quick question.
7 Thanks, Jeremy, for the encouraging update and I
8 always appreciate your report but, you know, 2025
9 is not that far away. Right? Like we are in 2023.
10 So how can -- how can we as a board but as -- as
11 a -- you know, as an organization be -- be thinking
12 ahead and how can we be preparing for -- for the
13 inevitable like running out of the money? And so
14 would love some thoughts if you could.

15 MR. FINE: Yeah. That -- that -- that's the
16 critical issue that we're wrestling with here at
17 CTA, as a region, as transit advocates across the
18 country, you know, and -- and it's all kind of
19 dovetailed nicely into the strategic report at the
20 RTA level. You know, the other service boards and
21 the RTA and transit advocates across the region
22 have worked over the past year, year and a half to
23 create a strategic report that outlines the problem
24 and also outlines several buckets of potential



1 funding opportunities, you know, that we can
2 continue to pursue. The state also charged CMAP to
3 deliver a report, you know, that will outline a
4 similar kind of scope of the problem and potential
5 solutions, funding solutions. So both of those
6 reports will be very helpful in the larger advocacy
7 downstate and elsewhere for additional funding.
8 You know, we've made the -- the -- the -- we've --
9 we've kind of shot the flare-up with regard to the
10 need. I think that the state legislature knows
11 that through conversations that we had a few weeks
12 ago as well as in other conversations
13 we're -- we're going to have later today, you know,
14 about the need. And I think that the report both
15 from RTA as well as the coming CMAP report will
16 further, you know, encapsulate the potential
17 alternatives. You know, we're -- we're agnostic as
18 to the funding source. We just need to have the
19 funding. And -- and both of those reports, you
20 know, will be helpful in kind of outlining
21 potential solutions but again this is a
22 conversation with the state legislature and others
23 to kind of further reinforce the need, further
24 reinforce how critical public transit is to the



1 region, to the people that live here, to the
2 businesses that operate here and to the whole
3 community, you know, to ensure that we have a
4 robust transit system to keep the economic vitality
5 of northeast Illinois vibrant. So, you know,
6 that -- that is -- that's kind of the game plan.
7 We have the first step of that through
8 the -- through the strategic plan. The CMAP report
9 will come. But in the interim, we're not letting
10 grass grow under our feet. We're having those
11 active conversations with the state legislature
12 underscoring the need in potential -- in potential
13 solutions.

14 DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Jeremy.

15 PRESIDENT CARTER: Director Lee, let me -- let
16 me put a finer point on what Jeremy just said. I
17 think he -- he did an excellent summary of both
18 what we are doing in conjunction with both RTA and
19 CMAP and also obviously the actions that CTA has
20 been undertaking. In fact, I have a hearing
21 scheduled in about an hour with the House
22 Appropriations Committee where we're going to be
23 meeting with them talking about exactly this topic.
24 And so I think the good news is that the -- the



1 Illinois legislature recognizes that it's a
2 problem. They're calling hearings. They're
3 inviting CTA, Metra, Pace and RTA to hearings
4 to -- to become more educated about the problem and
5 the work that needs to be done. And as Jeremy
6 indicated, the -- the Illinois legislature in their
7 last session directed CMAP to actually put together
8 a report that was going to lay out what they
9 thought were options to addressing the funding
10 challenges that the region was facing and any other
11 actions they thought would be appropriate in light
12 of that. The other thing that I wanted to point
13 out is that we also are -- are working at the
14 federal level and I'm doing a lot of that in my
15 role as -- as both the head of CTA but also as the
16 chairman of APTA and are certainly having
17 conversations with both the Biden administration
18 and with Congress about the impact of a fiscal
19 cliff on the entire industry. And I think it's
20 important to point out that while we're talking
21 about CTA here in particular and -- and our region
22 more indirectly, this is an issue that's impacting
23 just about every transit agency across the country.
24 So we are not alone with the fiscal cliff challenge



1 and we are not alone with the implications of what
2 will happen when the -- when the emergency relief
3 money runs out. We have certainly gotten
4 some -- some tractions with the Biden
5 administration who recognized the problem and are
6 looking for solutions that they may be able to
7 pursue. Congress is still a work in progress.
8 Obviously it -- it's a much more difficult lift
9 with the -- with Congress in its current makeup
10 than -- than in the past. But I think as an
11 industry we're optimistic that we're going to have
12 an impact on this problem, you know, at both the
13 federal level, as well as the state and local
14 level. And as Jeremy pointed out, we're talking
15 about it in the context of the bigger economic
16 impact of what happens when transit systems are
17 unable to provide the services that are so critical
18 to not only our community here in Chicago but
19 communities across the country. So, you know, CTA
20 is very actively involved in it. I personally am
21 very actively involved in it and we -- we certainly
22 have our eye on the ball about what happens to us
23 in 2026. And while that may seem a long ways away
24 in the cycle of legislative action, it isn't that



1 far away at all. But the good news as Jeremy has
2 pointed out is that we're able to get to 2026.
3 That's better than some of our other colleagues are
4 facing right now. And we are obviously working
5 very hard to make sure that we don't end up hitting
6 the fiscal cliff which in CTA's case is a
7 400 million dollar deficit. I don't need to tell
8 you that trying to close a 400 million dollar
9 deficit -- deficit in our budget would be
10 devastating to the service that we provide. And --
11 and Jeremy will tell you there is no fare increase
12 that I could ever implement that would fix that
13 problem. And so you are talking about massive
14 service cuts. The likes of which our agency has
15 never seen before if we're not able to find a
16 solution to that. And we're certainly making that
17 point very clear when we appear before the
18 policymakers who ultimately have to make the
19 decisions about what funding looks like for this
20 region going forward and for CTA in particular.

21 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz, do you
22 have any questions?

23 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: I do. I don't want to make
24 this really lengthy. This is our -- our first



1 item. I'll be succinct. I -- I recognize all of
2 the year-to-date numbers. They're looking really
3 good. And so I just want to encourage or be
4 creative and thoughtful about what kind of timely
5 investments we might need to do for our system
6 right now that are needed so that we address some
7 of the very day-to-day challenges that we have in
8 place. And so I recognize our challenges are both
9 workforce and others. But to the extent that there
10 are investments that we can put in place right now,
11 I would encourage us to continue to think through
12 those as needed.

13 PRESIDENT CARTER: I -- I appreciate our
14 comment on that and yes. I -- I don't want you to
15 think that I'm not spending money because of this
16 issue. I recognize that our first priority is
17 getting our customers back. And there are things
18 that we need to continue to invest in that will
19 ultimately support the challenges that we're facing
20 that will accomplish that. Be it additional
21 salaries that I'm paying for our operating
22 employees to -- to, you know, recruit them to take
23 these jobs or retention bonuses that I'm giving to
24 keep them in their jobs or infrastructure



1 investments that I need to make to improve the
2 quality of services that we are providing. We will
3 continue to do that. And we are not going to slow
4 that down. And -- and Jeremy and his team have
5 been very supportive of the, you know, extra asks
6 that I make from time to time for additional
7 funding that we need to -- to utilize to address
8 these issues. Particularly as it relates to our
9 Meeting the Moment Plan which is, as you know, our
10 roadmap for what we know we need to get done here
11 and how we're going to get things back on track.
12 So we'll continue to do that. And likely a good
13 idea and -- and, Jeremy, we can talk about this at
14 the board meeting that we give you a better sense
15 of what those dollars are and how they're being
16 invested because there have been dramatic increases
17 in a lot of areas of our budget that are directly
18 tied to the work that we're doing to address this
19 issue. And that's something that we can give you a
20 finer -- finer point on around the budget itself.
21 But yes. I agree with what you're saying. I --
22 I -- I've heard that comment from other board
23 members as well. And we will continue to identify
24 opportunities to, you know, appropriately spend,



1 you know, the dollars that we do have to focus on
2 the efforts that we need to basically address the
3 concerns and challenges that we're facing.

4 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yeah. Thank you for all you
5 do and your teams as well. Thank you.

6 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

7 DIRECTOR JHA: No questions. Thank you.

8 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

9 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions. Thanks.

10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

11 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: No questions.

12 SECRETARY GREENLEE: There are no further
13 questions, Director Jakes. You may proceed to
14 agenda item number four.

15 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Thank you. Our next order of
16 business is an ordinance authorizing a
17 co-promotional trade agreement with the City of
18 Chicago through its Department of Cultural Affairs
19 and Special Events for 2023. Jeremy?

20 MR. FINE: Good morning. I'm Jeremy Fine, your
21 Chief Financial Officer. And today I present for
22 your consideration a co-promotional trade agreement
23 with the City of Chicago's Department of Cultural
24 Affairs and Special Events, DCASE. We have been



1 doing this co-promotion with DCASE or its
2 predecessor since 1992. The total trade value of
3 this year's co-promotional agreement is \$828,750.
4 And this co-promotional agreement covers fifteen
5 DCASE programs and events taking place in 2023.
6 The list once again includes some of DCASE biggest
7 events like the Chicago Gospel Musical Festival,
8 the Blues Fest, Taste of Chicago and the Air and
9 water show as well as smaller events and public
10 awareness campaigns. DCASE will promote CTA at
11 each of these events and programs in various ways
12 including on signage at the events and e-mail
13 newsletters and with travel information on the
14 event websites. CTA will also be invited to have a
15 dedicated space at the Maxwell Street Market, Daley
16 Plaza Farmers' Market, the Taste of Chicago and one
17 DCASE program at Millennium Park. And CTA may use
18 its dedicated space to feature the community bus as
19 well. In exchange, CTA will provide unsold
20 interior car card space on bus and rail as well as
21 an unlimited amount of unsold digital ad space for
22 DCASE to promote its programs and events. This
23 concludes my remarks and I'm glad to answer any
24 questions you may have.



1 CHAIRMAN JAKES: I have no questions.

2 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Lee?

3 DIRECTOR LEE: No questions.

4 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

5 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: No questions.

6 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

7 DIRECTOR JHA: No questions. Thanks.

8 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

9 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions. Thanks.

10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

11 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: No questions.

12 SECRETARY GREENLEE: There are no further
13 questions, Director Jakes.

14 CHAIRMAN JAKES: May I now have leave to place
15 this item on the omnibus for board approval?

16 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

17 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.

18 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It has been -- the motion
19 has been moved by Director Miller and seconded by
20 Director Ortiz.

21 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Our next order of business
22 today is the review of contract number A-1, a
23 transit operations contract. I have no -- well,
24 actually I do. Is this Ellen?



1 MS. MCCORMACK: Yes, it is.

2 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Okay. Good -- good morning,
3 Ellen.

4 MS. MCCORMACK: Good morning.

5 CHAIRMAN JAKES: So this -- just so I'm clear,
6 this is just to purchase new buses? New electric
7 buses?

8 MS. MCCORMACK: So these are actually upgrades
9 that we're doing for the purchase of the new
10 electric buses. We're adding different features
11 such as advanced pedestrian alert system and we're
12 adding a wrap that has -- around the vehicle that
13 has the CTA's decals. So we can differentiate this
14 between this and say the diesel buses. And we're
15 also adding white exterior automotive paint
16 and -- and clear coat. And that's for in case
17 there's an accident it's much easier to repair it
18 because it's easy to match. And then there's some
19 other things that we have changed. The
20 information -- information screens inside and
21 that's actually for a credit. So these are just
22 upgrades to the current bus -- e-bus -- e-buses
23 that we're procuring.

24 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Thank you.



1 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Lee, do you have
2 any questions?

3 DIRECTOR LEE: No questions. Thank you.

4 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

5 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: No. Thank you.

6 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

7 DIRECTOR JHA: No questions.

8 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

9 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

11 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: No questions.

12 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes, we may now
13 proceed to contract numbers B-1 through B-6.

14 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Our next order of business
15 today is the review of contract number B-1 through
16 B-6, contract awards for infrastructure. No
17 questions.

18 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Lee?

19 DIRECTOR LEE: No questions. Thank you.

20 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

21 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: None. Thank you.

22 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

23 DIRECTOR JHA: No.

24 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?



1 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

2 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

3 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: No questions.

4 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes, you may
5 now proceed to contract C-1.

6 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Our next order of business
7 today is the review of contract number C-1, a
8 finance contract. No questions.

9 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Lee?

10 DIRECTOR LEE: None.

11 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

12 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: None.

13 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

14 DIRECTOR JHA: (Inaudible)

15 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

16 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

17 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

18 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: No questions.

19 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes, you may
20 now proceed to contracts number F-1 through F-3.

21 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Our next order of business are
22 contract numbers F-1 through F-3, administration
23 contracts. No questions.

24 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Lee?



1 DIRECTOR LEE: None. Thank you.

2 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

3 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: (Inaudible)

4 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

5 DIRECTOR JHA: No questions.

6 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

7 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

8 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

9 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: No questions.

10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes, there are
11 no further questions. You can proceed to contracts
12 G-1 through G-2.

13 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Our next order of business is
14 contract numbers G-1 through G-2, technology
15 contracts. Ellen, this text messaging service
16 could you just briefly explain that for me?

17 MS. MCCORMACK: Sure. So we currently offer
18 text messaging services and we have -- currently
19 have a contract with TextMarks. So we have a
20 number. So this is a disadvantageous to public
21 bidding. And it's one of the exceptions we have
22 under state law where we don't have to go out for
23 competitive bidding. And in this case it's because
24 the work that would need to be done to bring in a



1 new vendor would be very extensive and very time
2 consume -- very time consuming and very expensive.
3 So just to give you an example. We have -- they --
4 TextMarks has a code 41411 and it's on
5 bus -- 11,000 bus stop signs and maps. And this is
6 what the -- our customers use to get information
7 via text. If we had to go out and change that and
8 get a new vendor at this point, they would have to
9 change 11,000 bus stop signs and 245 rail stations.
10 So there's a cost to that obviously. We'd have to
11 have overlapping service and so forth. This isn't
12 to say that it will never be changed out but at
13 this time we have made a determination with
14 the -- our sole source disadvantageous review board
15 has made the determination that, in fact, this is
16 disadvantageous to public bidding at this time.

17 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Very good. Thank you, Ellen.
18 No -- no further questions.

19 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Lee?

20 DIRECTOR LEE: None. Thank you.

21 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

22 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: None.

23 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

24 DIRECTOR JHA: No questions.



1 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

2 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

3 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

4 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: No questions.

5 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes, there is
6 no further questions. You may proceed to contract
7 H-1.

8 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Our next order of business is
9 contract H-1, a safety contract. No questions.

10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Lee?

11 DIRECTOR LEE: No questions.

12 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

13 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: None.

14 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

15 DIRECTOR JHA: No questions.

16 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

17 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

18 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

19 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: No questions.

20 SECRETARY GREENLEE: There are no further
21 questions, Director Jakes. You may proceed to
22 contract number J-1.

23 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Our next order of business is
24 contract number J-1, an innovation contract. No



1 questions.

2 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Lee?

3 DIRECTOR LEE: None for me.

4 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

5 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: None.

6 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

7 DIRECTOR JHA: No questions.

8 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

9 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

11 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: None.

12 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes, there are
13 no further questions.

14 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Since there are no further
15 questions on the contracts, may I have leave to
16 place the fifteen contracts on the omnibus?

17 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

18 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.

19 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It has -- the motion has
20 been moved by Director Miller and seconded by
21 Director Ortiz. May we take the roll? Director
22 Lee?

23 DIRECTOR LEE: Yes.

24 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?



1 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

2 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

3 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

4 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

5 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

6 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

7 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yes.

8 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

9 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Yes.

10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes. The

11 motion has passed unanimously. We may proceed to

12 number 9-B on the agenda.

13 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Since there is no further

14 business to come before the committee, may I have a

15 motion to approve the omnibus which I think we just

16 did?

17 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN JAKES: And recommend the omnibus for

19 board approval which I think we did. And so,

20 finally, may I have a motion to adjourn?

21 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

22 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.

23 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Lee?

24 DIRECTOR LEE: Yes.



1 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?
2 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.
3 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?
4 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.
5 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?
6 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.
7 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director -- Chairman
8 Barclay?
9 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yes.
10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?
11 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Yes.
12 SECRETARY GREENLEE: The motion to adjourn
13 passes. The meeting is adjourned.
14 CHAIRMAN JAKES: Thank you.
15 (whereupon, the meeting
16 adjourned at 10:13 a.m.)
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3 COUNTY OF C O O K)
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5 MARGARET E. MECKLENBORG, as an Officer of
6 the Court, says that she is a Certified Shorthand
7 Reporter doing business in the State of Illinois;
8 that she reported in shorthand the proceedings of
9 said meeting, and that the foregoing is a true and
10 correct transcript of her shorthand notes so taken
11 as aforesaid, and contains the proceedings given at
12 said meeting via videoconference.

13 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I have hereunto set
14 my verified digital signature this 14th day of
15 April , 2023.

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17 *Margaret E. Mecklenborg*
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19 Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporter
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