

**MINUTES: Finance Audit and Budget Committee. January 15, 2025**

Noticed for 9:30 a.m. / Commenced: 9:33 a.m.

AGENDA: The posted agenda for the meeting can be found at [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com), "About CTA", "Transit Board Meetings", "Meeting Notices, Agendas, and Minutes" , "01/15/2025", "Committee on Finance Audit, and Budget."

Committee Chairperson Director L. Bernard Jakes called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Committee Chairman L. Bernard Jakes, Committee Vice Chairman Michele Lee, Rosa Ortiz, Neema Jha, Roberto Requejo and CTA Board Chairman Lester Barclay. There was a quorum with six (6) board members present.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE: Director Jakes advised the Board members that Director Michael Eaddy was unable to attend the Finance, Audit and Budget Committee Meeting in person due to travel connected to a work obligation. Director Requejo moved that Director Eaddy be permitted to attend the meeting remotely and the motion was seconded by Director Jha. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Director Eaddy joined the meeting remotely.

MINUTES: The committee reviewed the minutes from December 11, 2024. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Director Requejo and there was a second to the motion made by Director Eaddy. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous by roll call vote.

FINANCE REPORT: The Chicago Transit Authority Chief Financial Officer Tom McKone gave the Finance Report to the committee members. There was discussion.

The FAB Committee members reviewed and approved the following ordinances:

AGENDA NO. 4: An ordinance authorizing a copromotional advertising trade agreement with Bank of America for the 2025 Shamrock Shuffle, Chicago 13.1 Half Marathon and the 2025 Chicago Marathon.

Chief Financial Officer Tom McKone made a presentation about the ordinance. Director Neema Jha inquired about a recommendation that was made in 2024 to provide a three-day pass for the runners at the packet pick-up. She asked whether the CTA made progress around that or whether there are plans to include passes for next year?

CFO McKone stated that the CTA is still talking to them about that. The passes are not a part of the 2025 agreement, but it is something that the agency would like to pursue with the race sponsor.

Following discussion Director Jakes asked for leave to place the item on the omnibus for board approval. Director Requejo moved, and Director Eaddy seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

AGENDA NO. 5: An ordinance, authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Chicago through its Office of the City Clerk for purchase and use of open standards fare system cards for municipal identification and fare payment.

The CTA's Chief Financial Officer, Tom McKone made a presentation about the ordinance. There were questions from members of the Board and there was discussion.

Director Jakes asked for leave to place the item on the omnibus for board approval. Director Requejo moved, and Director Eaddy seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

AGENDA NO. 6: An ordinance authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services for bulk purchases of Ventra tickets.

The CTA's Chief Financial Officer, Tom McKone made a presentation about the ordinance. There were no questions,

Following discussion Director Jakes asked for leave to place the item on the omnibus for board approval. Director Requejo moved, and Director Eaddy seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

AGENDA NO. 7: An ordinance authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the Cook County Assessor's Office to access geographic information system data.

The CTA's Chief Planning and Innovation Officer Molly Poppe made a presentation about the ordinance. There were no questions.

Following discussion Director Jakes asked for leave to place the item on the omnibus for board approval. Director Requejo moved, and Director Eaddy seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

AGENDA NO. 8: An ordinance authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the Regional Transportation Authority for access to an aerial photography subscription.

The CTA's Chief Planning and Innovation Officer Molly Poppe made a presentation about the ordinance. There were no questions and no discussion.

Director Jakes asked for leave to place the item on the omnibus for board approval. Director Requejo moved, and Director Eaddy seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

AGENDA NO. 9: An ordinance authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the General Services Administration through its technology transformation services for consulting services from the Office of 18F.

The CTA's Chief Planning and Innovation Officer Molly Poppe made a presentation about the ordinance.

There were questions and discussion following the presentation.

Director Jakes asked for leave to place the item on the omnibus for board approval. Director Requejo moved, and Director Eaddy seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

- Director Eaddy: Yes
- Director Lee: Yes
- Director Jakes: Yes
- Chairman Barclay: Yes
- Director Ortiz: Abstain
- Director Requejo: Yes
- Director Jha: No

The motion passed with five (5) votes in the affirmative with one abstention and one no vote being cast.

AGENDA NO. 10: An ordinance authorizing the renewal of an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Oak Park through its department of police for police security.

The CTA's Vice President of Security Kevin Ryan made a presentation about the ordinance.

There were questions and discussion following the presentation.

- Chairman Barclay requested that Kevin Ryan extend an invitation to the Chicago Police Department's Chief of Transportation to address the CTA Board.
- Director Jha stated that security is a building block to the customer journey and the customer experience and said it would be helpful to have a holistic plan in which innovation, technology, security, business, customer service all look at the CTA rider's journey and ask where does security fit in the journey and then use subject matter experts – both internal and external – to build that journey out.
- Director Eaddy stated that based on the funds being spent, it appears that there is capacity for additional coverage, but that it has to be explored as to how to best utilize the additional coverage so that customers feel safe.
- Director Lee requested that the allocated but unused funds in the contract be spent on more effective and efficient measures to ensure safety for customers.

Director Jakes asked for leave to place the item on the omnibus for board approval. Director Requejo moved, and Director Eaddy seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

AGENDA NO. 11: An ordinance authorizing the renewal of an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Forest Park through its department of police for police security.

The CTA's Vice President of Security Kevin Ryan made a presentation about the ordinance.

There were no questions or discussion following the presentation.

Director Jakes asked for leave to place the item on the omnibus for board approval. Director Requejo moved, and Director Eaddy seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

AGENDA NO. 12: An ordinance authorizing the renewal of an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Evanston through its department of police for police security.

The CTA's Vice President of Security Kevin Ryan made a presentation about the ordinance.

There was one questions regarding whether the City of Evanston would be liable for police misconduct. There was discussion.

Director Jakes asked for leave to place the item on the omnibus for board approval. Director Requejo moved, and Director Eaddy seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

AGENDA NO. 13: An ordinance authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Chicago through its department of police for FY2023 Transit security grant funds.

The CTA's Vice President of Security Kevin Ryan made a presentation about the ordinance.

There were no questions or discussion.

Director Jakes asked for leave to place the item on the omnibus for board approval. Director Requejo moved, and Director Eaddy seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 - PURCHASE & SALE AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Then, after extensive review by the committee, Director Jakes asked for a motion to place two (2) contracts on the omnibus and recommended that the Board approve the omnibus.

Regarding Contract Number B23OP80021, which is a contract award for safety, there were comments and questions.

- Director Requejo clarified that the contract was for the security service that patrols stations with the assistance of dogs. He stated that he had an overall good experience with this particular form of security, but that the visibility was not consistent throughout the system. President Carter responded that finding a way for broader visibility of officers is a good idea, but that pursuing that additional visibility would require additional resources.
- There was a discussion about putting the canine teams inside of the railcars in addition to station platforms. Kevin Ryan responded that they have been experimenting with putting teams on railcars after rush hour during midnights and afternoons. He further stated that with this new contract they will be able to staff up to afford more scheduling and deployment of teams across the system.
- Director Lee requested that it would be great to see the canine teams in the bus stations as well as other high visibility areas where more riders traverse.

The approved items are as follows:

1. Contract Number B20OP00658:	\$	1,020,000.00
2. Contract Number B23OP80021:	\$	89,613,561.60

Director Requejo moved, and Director Eaddy seconded the motion to place the two (2) contracts on the omnibus. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE OMNIBUS AND RECOMMEND THE OMNIBUS FOR BOARD APPROVAL:

Director Requejo then moved to approve the omnibus and recommend the omnibus for board approval. Director Eaddy seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

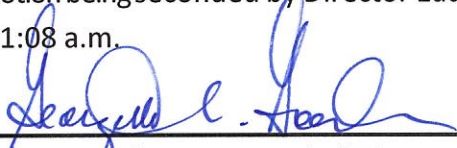
CLOSING COMMENTS BY DIRECTOR JAKES:

Director Jakes took a personal privilege to request that CTA staff follow up with members of the Board when information is requested. He is hearing Board members ask for the same information month after month. He requested that staff be intentional about ensuring that information requested is provided either collectively to the entire Board or individually to each Board member.

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Chairman Barclay acknowledged the retirement of Nancy- Ellen Zusman, Chief Safety and Security Officer, of Bryan Robinson who served as the CTA Mechanical Officer and formerly served as president of COMTO and of Geisha Ester, Vice President of Training and Workforce Development.

On behalf of the Board, he thanked them for their dedicated services to the CTA.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Director Jakes asked for a motion to adjourn the Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee meeting of January 15, 2025. Director Requejo moved that the meeting be adjourned with said motion being seconded by Director Eaddy, the motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote at 11:08 a.m.

Signature:   
Secretary of the CTA Board of Director

Dated: 02/12/2025