



THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

COMMITTEE ON OPERATIONS OF THE LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD AND THE METROPOLITAN SUBURBAN BUS AUTHORITY

This Charter for the Committee on Operations of the Long Island Rail Road and the Metropolitan Suburban Bus Authority was adopted by the Board Chair and a majority of the members of Board of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, a public benefit corporation established under the laws of the State of New York (together with any other entity or corporation for which the members of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority serve as a board of directors, the “MTA”), as amended on November 17, 2021.

I. PURPOSE

The Committee on Operations of the Long Island Rail Road and the Metropolitan Suburban Bus Authority (the “Committee”) shall assist the Board Chair and the Board in fulfilling their responsibility to monitor and oversee the operations of the Long Island Rail Road Company (“LIRR”) and the Metropolitan Suburban Bus Authority (“LIB”).

II. COMMITTEE AUTHORITY

In discharging its role, the Committee is empowered to investigate any matter brought to its attention. To facilitate any such investigation, the chairperson of the Committee shall have access to all books, records, facilities and staff of the MTA and/or the LIRR/LIB. The foregoing is not intended to alter or curtail existing rights of individual Board members to access books, records or staff in connection with the performance of their fiduciary duties as Board members.

III. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee shall consist of 3 or more members of the Board, appointed by the Board Chair. If not otherwise a member of the Committee, each Vice-Chair of the Board shall be an *ex officio* member of the Committee. The Board Chair shall appoint the chairperson of the Committee. In the absence of the chairperson at a meeting of the Committee, the Board Chair shall appoint a temporary chairperson to chair such meeting. A member of the Committee may be removed, for cause or without cause by the Board Chair.

IV. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet on a regularly-scheduled basis at least 11 times per year, and more frequently as circumstances dictate. The Committee shall cause to be kept adequate minutes of all its proceedings, which shall include records of any action taken. Committee members will be furnished with copies of the minutes of each meeting. Meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public, and the Committee shall be governed by the rules regarding public meetings set forth in the applicable provisions of the Public Authorities Law and Article 7 of the Public Officers Law that relate to public notice, public speaking and the conduct of executive session. The Committee may form and assign responsibilities to subcommittees when appropriate.

The Committee may request that any member of the Board, the Auditor General, any officer or staff of the MTA, LIRR/LIB or any other person whose advice and counsel are sought by the Committee, attend any meeting of the Committee to provide such pertinent information as the Committee requests. The President of the LIRR and the President of LIB shall each (1) furnish the Committee with all material information pertinent to matters appearing on the Committee agenda relating to his or her respective organization, (2) provide the chairperson of the Committee with all information regarding the affairs of his or her organization that is material to the Committee's monitoring and oversight of the operations of such organization, and (3) inform the chairperson of the Committee of any matters not already on the Committee agenda that should be added to the agenda in order for the Committee to be adequately monitoring and overseeing the operations of his or her organization.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The chairperson of the Committee shall report on the Committee's proceedings, and any recommendations made.

VI. KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The following responsibilities are set forth as a guide with the understanding that the Committee may diverge as appropriate given the circumstances. The Committee is authorized to carry out these and such other responsibilities assigned by the Board Chair or the Board from time to time, and take any actions reasonably related to the mandate of this Charter.

To fulfill its purpose, the Committee shall:

1. monitor and update the Board Chair and the Board on the operating performance of the LIRR/LIB, including information on railroad, bus and paratransit service;
2. monitor and update the Board Chair and the Board on the safety record of LIRR/LIB; such monitoring shall include reviewing and monitoring customer and employee safety;
3. monitor and update the Board Chair and the Board on the implementation of security programs pertaining to LIRR/LIB operations and facilities;
4. monitor and update the Board Chair and the Board on the finances of the LIRR/LIB, including financial reports, ridership reports, and the use of LIRR/LIB funds;
5. review and make recommendations to the Board Chair and the Board regarding proposed procurement contracts, **other than Capital Program construction, consultant and related contracts and solicitations,** of the LIRR/LIB that require Board approval;

6. review and make recommendations to the Board Chair and the Board regarding service and policy changes that require Board approval;
7. facilitate the identification of approaches and solutions that address LIRR/LIB security issues, including best practices in national and international security respecting transportation operations and facilities and review and make recommendations to the Board Chair and the Board regarding LIRR/LIB security issues; and
8. review periodically with the Counsel of the MTA, the Chief Compliance Officer, and the Counsel of the LIRR/LIB: (i) legal and regulatory matters that may have a material impact on the LIRR/LIB; and (ii) the scope and effectiveness of compliance policies and programs.

In addition, the Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

1. set the annual work plan for the committee;
2. conduct an annual self-evaluation of the performance of the Committee, including its effectiveness and compliance with this Charter;
3. review and assess the adequacy of this Charter annually; and
4. report regularly to the Board Chair and the Board on Committee findings and recommendations and any other matters the Committee deems appropriate or the Board Chair or the Board requests, and maintain minutes or other records of Committee meetings and activities.