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Meeting under Section 5, STB Reauthorization Act February 27, 2026

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Present: Members Begeman, Fuchs, Oberman, Primus and Schultz
Staff Jonathan Binet, Anika Cooper, Ellen Erichsen, Amanda Gorski, Danielle Gosselin, Theodore Hunt, Evelyn Kitay, Adam Kress, Elizabeth McGrath, Barbara Miller, Lisa Novins, Valerie Quinn, Victoria Rutson, Janie Sheng, Michael Small, Alan Tabachnick, Josh Wayland, Elizabeth Webster

Topic: Docket Nos. AB 167 (Sub-No. 1189X), Consol. Rail Corp.—
Aban. Exemption—in Hudson Cnty., N.J.; AB 55 (Sub-No. 686X), CSX
Transp., Inc.—Discontinuance of Serv. Exemption—in Hudson Cnty., N.J.;
and AB 290 (Sub-No. 306X), Norfolk S. Ry.—Discontinuance of Serv.
Exemption—in Hudson Cnty., N.J.

Summary of the Matters Discussed, Prepared by Acting General Counsel Anika Cooper¹:

At this meeting, staff briefed Board Members on the above-referenced consolidated proceedings. These proceedings involve notices of exemption to abandon and discontinue service on an approximately 1.86-mile line of railroad in the City of Jersey City, N.J., known as the “Harsimus Branch.” The review process under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) is ongoing in these proceedings. Staff and Board Members discussed the history and procedural posture of the proceedings; the historic review process; and the submissions in the record addressing whether Conrail violated Section 110(k) of the NHPA (concerning anticipatory demolition of historic properties).

¹ General Counsel Craig Keats was on leave on October 12, 2021 and designated Anika Cooper as Acting General Counsel for this meeting.