



**Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD)  
Board of Trustees Special Meeting**

*MINUTES – Approved as Distributed 5-29-2019*

DATE: Monday, April 15, 2019  
 TIME: 3:00 p.m.  
 PLACE: Champaign City Council Chambers  
 102 North Neil Street, Champaign, IL

The video of this meeting can be found at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/CUMTD>

**Trustees:**

Present	Absent
Dick Barnes	
Linda Bauer	
Bradley Diel (Chair)	
Margaret Chaplan (Vice-Chair)	
	Matthew Cho
James Faron	
Bruce Hannon	

**Advisory Board:**

Present	Absent
Marty Paulins	
Jacob Rajlich	

**MTD Staff:** Karl Gnadt (Managing Director), Amy Snyder (Chief of Staff), Brenda Eilbracht (Chief Administrative Officer), Michelle Wright (Finance Director), Jane Sullivan (Grants & Governmental Affairs Director), Autumn Soliman (Marketing Manager), Fred Stavins (Counsel), Beth Brunk (Clerk)

**Others Present:** Hans Grotelueschen and Tim Johns (CORE Spaces)

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Diel called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

A verbal roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** by Mr. Barnes to approve the agenda as distributed; seconded by Ms. Bauer. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

Ms. Chaplan entered the meeting at this time.

**4. Audience Participation**

None

**5. Action Items**

**A. Scope for Illinois Terminal Expansion at The Yards**

Mr. Gnadt explained that Attachment A contained the scope and cost estimates of The Yards Project that includes the renovation and expansion of Illinois Terminal, expansion of MTD bus platforms, and the mixed-use facility with parking, retail and commercial space. This project has not been analyzed by architects or engineers yet, so the numbers are estimations only.

Dr. Faron inquired about the mix-use portion of the project. Mr. Gnadt explained that the federal government encourages grant recipients to develop joint projects with public/private partnerships. Any revenue the District receives from the project will be used to offset the expenses of the buildings' operation. The District will again apply for \$25M in federal grant funds from the BUILD and Bus & Bus Facilities programs. If those grant applications are not successful, MTD will tap into other sources of federal funding and capital reserves for the \$25M. If the University decides not to proceed with the hockey arena, the District will continue this project with a smaller scope.

**MOTION** by Ms. Bauer to approve the scope of the Illinois Terminal expansion and joint development project commonly referred to as The Yards, as it is described in Attachment A of the Board packet. Furthermore, Ms. Bauer moved that the District support the project with a commitment of \$25,000,000; seconded by Mr. Hannon.

Roll Call:

Aye (6) – Barnes, Bauer, Chaplan, Diel, Faron, Hannon

Nay (0)

Absent (1) – Cho

**MOTION CARRIED.**


**6. Next Meeting**

- A. Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 3:00 p.m. at Champaign City Council Chambers – 102 North Neil Street, Champaign

**7. Adjournment**

Mr. Diel adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

Submitted by:

  
Clerk

Approved:

  
Board of Trustees Chair