



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

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed

DATE: Wednesday, September 30, 2020
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: This meeting was held electronically in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Orders and social distancing requirements.

The video of this meeting can be found at:
www.mtd.org/inside/board/meetings/

Trustees:

Present	Absent
Dick Barnes	
Linda Bauer	
Margaret Chaplan (Vice-Chair)	
Tomas Delgado	
Bradley Diel (Chair)	
Phil Fiscella	
Bruce Hannon	

Advisory Board:

Present	Absent
Marty Paulins	
Emily Hutchinson	

MTD Staff: Karl Gnadt (Managing Director), Jane Sullivan (Grants & Governmental Affairs Director), Michelle Wright (Finance Director), Evan Alvarez (Special Services Manager), Jennifer Bannon (Counsel), Beth Brunk (Clerk)

Others Present:

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 Ms. Chaplan to approve the agenda as distributed; seconded by Mr. Barnes.

Roll Call:
 Aye (7) –Barnes, Bauer, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Fiscella, Hannon
 Nay (0)
 MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

4. Audience Participation

Since the Board meeting was not open to the public due to Governor Pritzker's social distancing requirements, comments can be emailed to public@mtd.org.

No comments were received.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Board Meeting – August 26, 2020

MOTION by Ms. Chaplan to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2020 MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

Roll Call:

Aye (7) – Barnes, Bauer, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Fiscella, Hannon

Nay (0)

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6. Communications

Mr. Diel welcomed Emily Hutchinson to the Board as the new UI student Advisory member.

7. Reports

A. Managing Director

Mr. Gnadt reviewed August statistics. Ridership dropped 62.38% from last year due to the pandemic. Operating revenue is down primarily because MTD is not collecting fares. The District has launched a public comment website, www.ITetheyards.com, for the Illinois Terminal Expansion project. Pre-pandemic, MTD would have hosted public open houses to solicit community input.

Mr. Gnadt noted that MTD submitted a proposal to the UI for the transportation of COVID positive students to quarantine housing. A couple of 60' articulated buses will be specially modified and sanitized to protect the operator and students if the UI decides to move forward with this plan. MCORE Project 4 has Wright Street north of Green Street left to be completed by the mid-November. MCORE Project 5 in Urbana, Green Street between Lincoln Avenue and Lincoln Square, should be finished by the end of December.

8. Action Item

A. Champaign County Area Rural Transit System (C-CARTS) Vehicle Lease Agreement

In July, the Board approved the Champaign County/MTD Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to administer the Champaign County Area Rural Transit System (C-CARTS). This transportation system consists of demand response (call in for a ride) for Champaign County residents and a fixed route service for Rantoul. The C-CARTS Vehicle Lease Agreement codifies the van leasing arrangement between Champaign County and MTD. The updated agreement includes a new expiration date of 6/30/2023, current listing of vehicles leased, and other minor administrative changes. The Champaign County Board approved this Lease Agreement at their August 2020 meeting. With the pandemic in place, fares are not being collected for this service.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to authorize the Managing Director to execute the C-CARTS vehicle lease agreement with Champaign County and MTD for 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2023; seconded by Ms. Chaplan.

Roll Call:

Aye (7) –Barnes, Bauer, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Fiscella, Hannon

Nay (0)

The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

B. Upgrade of Audio/Visual Equipment at Illinois Terminal

In July 2017, MTD Board meetings moved to the City of Champaign Council Chambers so meetings could be streamed live for public viewing. In April 2020, the board meetings moved back to Illinois Terminal as the Champaign City building access was restricted due to COVID. Board meetings are currently streamed live on YouTube while integrating a Zoom meeting format. MTD's tech services were able to piece together a temporary solution but equipment improvements are needed to provide a better broadcast quality of the meeting. Picture Perfect has quoted \$64,530 to do the upgrade. Pending state approval, the project will be funded 65% with state funding and 35% (\$22,586) in local funds. CityView clients will be able to rent the equipment for additional revenue to MTD.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (1) - Fiscella

The MOTION CARRIED.

9. Next Meeting

- A. Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, October 28, 2020 – 3:00 p.m. –
Location and format to be determined

10. Adjourn into Closed Session to Consider Litigation which is Probable or Imminent against MTD followed by Adjournment

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to adjourn into closed session to consider litigation which is probable or imminent against MTD followed by adjournment; seconded by Ms. Chaplan.

Roll Call:


Aye (7) – Barnes, Bauer, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Fiscella, Hannon

Nay (0)

The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Diel adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m. to enter into closed session.

Submitted by:


Clerk

Approved 10/28/2020:


Board of Trustees Chair