



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

MINUTES – Approved

DATE: Wednesday, January 27, 2021
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: This meeting was held electronically in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7(e) which amends the requirement of the Illinois Open Meetings Act requiring in-person attendance by members of a public body during the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation.

The video of this meeting can be found at:

www.mtd.org/inside/board/meetings/

Trustees:

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

Advisory Board:

Present	Absent
Marty Paulins	
	Emily Hutchinson

MTD Staff: Karl Gnadt (Managing Director), Amy Snyder (Chief of Staff), Jane Sullivan (Grants & Governmental Affairs Director), Michelle Wright (Finance Director), Fred Stavins (Counsel), Beth Brunk (Clerk)

Others Present:

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- Call to Order**
Chair Diel called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- Roll Call**
Present (6) –Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Hannon, Nudo
Absent (1) –Fiscella

A quorum was declared present.
- Approval of Agenda**
MOTION by Ms. Chaplan to approve the agenda as distributed; seconded by Mr. Barnes.

Roll Call:
Aye (6) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Hannon, Nudo
Nay (0)
MOTION CARRIED.

4. Audience Participation

Since the virtual Board meeting was not open to the public, comments can be emailed to public@mtd.org.

The Clerk declared that no comments were received.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Board Meeting Open Session – December 9, 2020

MOTION by Ms. Chaplan to approve the open session minutes of the December 9, 2020 MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Barnes.

Roll Call:
Aye (6) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Hannon, Nudo
Nay (0)
The MOTION CARRIED.

6. Communications

Mr. Diel congratulated Mr. Hannon on his reappointment and welcomed Alan Nudo to the Board of Trustees.

7. Reports

A. Managing Director

The Board packet contains combined November and December statistics. Ridership is down 87% due to the pandemic. MTD received funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRSSA) Act to help supplement lost revenue from the suspension of fare collection.

Last Thursday, the University of Illinois Board of Trustees approved an increase to the student transportation fee from \$62 to \$68 for the fall semester in 2021. This additional cost will cover a new route called the Link which will connect the engineering quad, Siebel Center for Design, and Research Park. Mr. Gnadt will bring the new 3-year UI/MTD Transportation Contract to the Board for consideration in February.

8. Action Item

A. Election of Officers for 1-Year Term – Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Diel stated that according to MTD By-Laws, the Chair and Vice-Chair positions are elected from the Board of Trustees for a one-year term at the first regularly scheduled Board meeting after January 1st. As previously approved by the Board, Jack Waaler is the Secretary to the Board and Amy Snyder, Chief of Staff, is the Treasurer. These terms are indefinite until the Board takes action to the contrary.

Mr. Diel opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Mr. Barnes nominated Bradley Diel for the Chair of the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District Board of Trustees. As there were no additional nominations for Board Chair, Mr. Diel closed the nominations.

Roll Call for Diel as Chair:

Aye (5) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Hannon, Nudo
Abstain (1) – Diel
Mr. Diel will continue as the Chair of the MTD Board of Trustees.

Mr. Diel opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Hannon nominated Margaret Chaplan as Vice-Chair of the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District Board of Trustees. As there were no additional nominations, Mr. Diel closed the nominations.

Roll Call for Chaplan as Vice-Chair:
Aye (5) – Barnes, Delgado, Diel, Hannon, Nudo
Abstain (1) - Chaplan
Ms. Chaplan will continue as the Vice-Chair of the MTD Board of Trustees.

B. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes

MOTION by Mr. Hannon that the minutes of the closed session meetings of the Board listed on “Attachment 1” marked “Release” no longer require confidential treatment and are ordered released; and that the need for confidentiality still exists as to the minutes of the closed session meetings of the Board listed on “Attachment 2” marked “Remain Confidential”; and the verbatim recordings of the following listed closed session minutes on “Attachment 3”, all of which are not less than 18 months old and the written minutes of which have been approved, are authorized to be destroyed; seconded by Ms. Chaplan.

Roll Call:
Aye (6) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Hannon, Nudo
Nay (0)

The MOTION CARRIED.

C. 5-Year New Flyer Joint Bus Procurement Contract and Purchase Order for Five 40-foot Diesel Electric Hybrid Buses

In the next five years, one half of the MTD fleet has aged beyond its federally defined useful life of 12 years. Typically, the District enters into a five-year procurement contract with other transit agencies – the current contract expires in March 2021. The evaluation team received three bids and determined that New Flyer’s bid was fair and reasonable. Executing a contract with New Flyer commits the District to purchasing a minimum of 30 hybrid buses with the option of purchasing an additional 29 buses within five years.

Staff would also like the Board to consider a purchase order from this new contract for five 40-foot diesel electric hybrid buses pending IDOT concurrence.

Mr. Fiscella entered the meeting at this time.

MOTION by Mr. Hannon to authorize the Managing Director to enter into a five-year bus procurement contract with New Flyer of America, Inc. and to issue a purchase order for five 40-foot diesel electric hybrid buses pending IDOT concurrence; seconded by Ms. Chaplan.

Roll Call:
Aye (7) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Fiscella, Hannon, Nudo
Nay (0)

The MOTION CARRIED.

C. New Flyer Purchase Order for Three 60-foot Diesel Electric Hybrid Buses

MTD would like to replace three 60-foot diesel buses that are over 20 years old with three new 60' hybrid electric diesel buses for a total of \$3,010,271 from the existing contract with New Flyer. The new buses will be funded 98% from the state capital grant, Rebuild Illinois Program and 2% local money. They should be delivered early this summer.

MOTION by Mr. Hannon to authorize the Managing Director to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$3,010,271 for three New Flyer 60-foot diesel electric hybrids pending IDOT concurrence; seconded by Ms. Chaplan.

Roll Call:

Aye (7) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Fiscella, Hannon, Nudo
Nay (0)

The MOTION CARRIED.

9. Next Meeting

- A. Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, February 24, 2021 – 3:00 p.m. –
Virtual meeting – see MTD website - mtd.org/inside/board/meetings/

10. Adjournment

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to adjourn into closed session to consider the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a Public Official followed by adjournment; seconded by Ms. Chaplan.

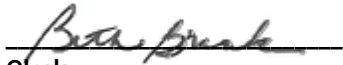
Roll Call:

Aye (7) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Fiscella, Hannon, Nudo
Nay (0)

The MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Diel adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m. to enter into closed session.

Submitted by:


Clerk

Approved 2/24/2021:


Board of Trustees Chair