



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

MINUTES – Approved

DATE: Wednesday, March 31, 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: Erika Pham (Trillium)

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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, Fiscella, Nudo

A quorum was declared present.
- Approval of Agenda**
Mr. Diel amended the agenda to consider a change in the next Board meeting date to April 27th.
The vote for this action will be at 9.A. on the agenda.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Ms. Chaplan.

Roll Call:

Aye (6) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Fiscella, 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 received an email from Gavin Hitchens requesting a designated stop for the Lime route at Caterpillar.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Board Meeting Open Session – February 24, 2021

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the open session minutes of the February 24, 2021 MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Ms. Chaplan.

Roll Call:

Aye (6) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Fiscella, Nudo

Nay (0)

The MOTION CARRIED.

6. Communications

None

7. Reports

A. Managing Director

Mr. Gnadt reviewed the February statistics. The operating revenue looks very different this month because of an adjustment normalizing the reduced payment from the University of Illinois due to COVID cutbacks. Our newly hired Safety & Training Director, Brendan Sennett, will be starting on May 3rd. Rebekka Bolt, who was recently promoted to Assistant Maintenance Director, gave a brief introduction to the Board.

Even though the State's Downstate Operating Assistance grant is underfunded due to the pandemic's negative effect on sales tax revenue, MTD is still receiving its monthly payments. Mr. Gnadt anticipated that full normal bus service will resume in August when the University starts its fall semester. Mr. Nudo asked if the County's delinquent audit and subsequent suspension of Federal funds for its programs impacts MTD in any way. MTD's rural service, Champaign County Area Rural Transit System (C-CARTS), may be affected since the federal/state funding is managed through the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (RPC). At this point, the County will be providing a bridge loan to RPC until the audit is completed so there has been no disruption of C-CARTS service.

8. Action Item

A. 5-Year Gillig LLC Joint Bus Procurement Contract for 2021-2026

In the joint five-year bus procurement process, the Evaluation Committee selected Gillig as the best option for 30' CNG buses. MTD would like to have the option – not commitment – to purchase five 30' CNG buses within the next five years to lock in the pricing structure. To use CNG, MTD would need to find a source for the compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel and build the appropriate infrastructure. If the District decides to pursue this green option to diversify the fleet,

MTD would partner with the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District for (Renewable Natural Gas) RNG and use grant funding for the structural build-out. The 30' buses are often used on lower capacity routes.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to authorize the Managing Director the option to enter into a five-year bus procurement contract with Gillig LLC for 30' CNG buses; seconded by Ms. Chaplan.

Roll Call:

Aye (6) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Fiscella, Nudo
Nay (0)

The MOTION CARRIED.

B. Resolution No. 2021-1 Committing Local Funds for the Federal Transit Administration's Low or No Emission Grant Program

MTD is applying for funding through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Low or No Emission grant program to purchase four 60' hydrogen fuel cell buses. To strengthen the grant proposal, FTA suggested the inclusion of a Board resolution to confirm the commitment of local funds for the project.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve Resolution No. 2021-1 to commit local funds for the Federal Transit Administration's Low or No Emission Grant; seconded by Mr. Barnes.

Roll Call:

Aye (6) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Fiscella, Nudo
Nay (0)

The MOTION CARRIED.

C. Hydrogen Production Station Change Order #4

The contractor, Trillium, started excavation work for the foundation of the hydrogen production station and had to stop quickly due to the high water table – the water table was just two feet below grade. The contractor and local civil engineers determined a solution to drill 10' deep wells and then pump the water to onsite holding tanks that will slowly release the water. Since the soil has some contamination, the water cannot be drained into the stormwater system. Due to the essential nature of this work and to avoid schedule delays, the Managing Director approved the \$79,530 change order for two months of dewatering as an emergency procurement on March 19th. Ms. Sullivan asked the Board for retroactive approval of this change order.

MOTION by Mr. Barnes to retroactively approve Change Order #4 with Trillium not to exceed \$79,530 for two months of dewatering at the construction site; seconded by Mr. Delgado.

Roll Call:

Aye (6) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Fiscella, Nudo
Nay (0)

The MOTION CARRIED.

D. Hydrogen Production Station Change Order #5

The District's hydrogen production station requires an electrical connection between the station and Ameren's meter on the University Avenue power pole that can be placed in an overhead line or in an underground conduit. In a separate project, the solar array electrical connection to the production station must be placed in an underground conduit at a cost of \$46,156. With the cost

to dig the trench paid by the solar array project, the total cost to place the electrical conduit underground for the production station to Ameren's power meter is \$60,311. On July 29, 2020, the Board of Trustees approved the estimated expense of \$50,00 to run the power underground to prevent the removal of trees.

MOTION by Mr. Barnes to approve Change Order #5 with Trillium for \$60,311 for the underground Ameren connection to the hydrogen production station; seconded by Mr. Delgado.

Roll Call:

Aye (6) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Fiscella, Nudo
Nay (0)

The MOTION CARRIED.

9. Next Meeting

- A. Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, April 28, 2021 – 3:00 p.m. – Virtual meeting – see MTD website - mtd.org/inside/board/meetings/

Mr. Diel asked the Trustees if they would be amenable to changing April's Board meeting date to Tuesday, April 27th as he has a conflict. The starting time stays at 3:00 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to change April's Board meeting date to Tuesday, April 27th at 3:00p; seconded by Ms. Chaplan.

Roll Call:

Aye (6) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Fiscella, Nudo
Nay (0)

The MOTION CARRIED.

10. Adjournment

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to adjourn into closed session to consider the purchase or lease of real property for use by MTD followed by adjournment; seconded by Ms. Chaplan.

Roll Call:

Aye (6) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Fiscella, Nudo
Nay (0)

The MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Diel adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m. to enter into closed session.

Submitted by:


Clerk

Approved 4/27/2021:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "B. D. D.", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Board of Trustees Chair