



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

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed

DATE: Tuesday, April 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 |
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| Dick Barnes | |
| Margaret Chaplan (Vice-Chair) | |
| | Tomas Delgado |
| Bradley Diel (Chair) | |
| Phil Fiscella | |
| Bruce Hannon | |
| Alan Nudo | |

Advisory Board:

| Present | Absent |
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| | 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), Nate Warman (Comptroller), 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, Diel, Fiscella, Hannon, Nudo

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

Roll Call:

Aye (6) – Barnes, Chaplan, Diel, Fiscella, 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 did not receive any public comments.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Board Meeting Open Session – March 31, 2021

MOTION by Mr. Barnes to approve the open session minutes of the March 31, 2021 MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

Roll Call:

Aye (6) – Barnes, Chaplan, Diel, Fiscella, Hannon, Nudo
Nay (0)
The MOTION CARRIED.

B. Board Meeting Closed Session – March 31, 2021

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the closed session minutes of the March 31, 2021 MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Ms. Chaplan.

Roll Call:

Aye (6) – Barnes, Chaplan, Diel, Fiscella, Hannon, Nudo
Nay (0)
The MOTION CARRIED.

6. Communications

Nate Warman, the new MTD Comptroller, gave a brief self-introduction to the Board.

7. Reports

A. Managing Director

Mr. Gnadt reviewed March statistics. While the ridership numbers are still down, the monthly percentage decrease in March (44%) is less than February (76%). Expenses are down due to a reduced level of service on the street.

Mr. Gnadt appreciated Representative Davis' continued support of public transit and MTD specifically. Rep. Davis reintroduced legislation that seeks to increase the funding to transit systems covered by the Small Transit Intensive Cities Program (STIC).

8. Action Item

A. Champaign Unit 4 School District Transportation Agreement 2021-2022

Partners since 1977, MTD and Champaign Unit 4 School District have executed annual agreements for middle and high school student transportation. This year's agreement kept the cost at same amount, \$562,530, as last year, which represents 35% of the transportation cost. The other 65% is funded by the State's Downstate Operating Agreement.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to authorize the Managing Director to execute the transportation agreement between MTD and Champaign Unit 4 School District in the amount of \$562,530 for 2021-2022; seconded by Ms. Chaplan.

Roll Call:

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

The MOTION CARRIED.

B. Solar Array Expansion Project

MTD intends to expand their solar array on leased land from Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District across the street from the MTD maintenance building. The energy produced from this new solar array will be able to power the hydrogen production station that will fuel our zero-emission hydrogen fuel cell buses. MTD received four bids in the competitive procurement process. The two lowest bids were invalid as they did not follow federal/state Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements for grant funding. Lyons Electric Company is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder at \$5,650,000. This contract will be funded from Rebuild Illinois grant money (\$4,547,500) and local funds (\$1,102,500).

MOTION by Ms. Chaplan to authorize the Managing Director to execute a contract with Lyons Electric Company in the amount of \$5,650,000 pending IDOT concurrence; seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

Roll Call:

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

The MOTION CARRIED.

9. Next Meeting

- A. Virtual Public Hearing for Proposed Fall 2021 Service Changes – Monday, May 3, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. – See <https://mtd.org/maps-and-schedules/public-hearing/>
- B. Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, May 26, 2021 – 3:00 p.m. – See <https://mtd.org/inside/board/meetings> for more information on viewing this virtual meeting

10. Adjournment

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

Roll Call:

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

The MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Diel adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m. to enter into closed session.

Submitted by:


Clerk

Approved 5/26/2021:


Board of Trustees Chair