



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

MINUTES – Approved

DATE: Wednesday, January 25, 2023  
 TIME: 3:00 p.m.  
 PLACE: Illinois Terminal, 45 East University Avenue, Champaign, IL

The video of this meeting can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/CUMTD>

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
	Briana Barr

MTD Staff: Karl Gnadt (Managing Director), Michelle Wright (Finance Director), Jane Sullivan and Ashlee McLaughlin (External Affairs Directors), Brendan Sennett (Safety & Training Director), Jay Rank (Operations Director), Jacinda Crawmer (Human Resources Director), Josh Berbaum (Maintenance Director), Alyx Parker (Legal 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  
Present (7) –Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Fiscella, Hannon, Nudo  
  
A quorum was declared present.
3. Approval of Agenda  
MOTION by Mr. Hannon to approve the agenda as distributed; seconded by Ms. Chaplan. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.
4. Audience Participation  
None
5. Approval of Minutes  
A. Board Meeting Open Session – December 7, 2022

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the open session minutes of the December 7, 2022 MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Ms. Chaplan. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

6. Communications  
None

7. Reports

A. Managing Director

Mr. Gnadt reported on November and December statistics. Ridership is still recovering with a 11.7% increase from December 2022, but the recovery is slowing.

8. Action Items

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 1<sup>st</sup>. As previously approved by the Board, Beth Brunk 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. Hannon 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 (6) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Fiscella, 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 (7) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Diel, Fiscella, Hannon, Nudo

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. Fiscella 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 Mr. Hannon. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

9. Closed Session

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

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

MOTION CARRIED.

The Board entered into closed session at 3:16 p.m.

MOTION by Ms. Chaplan to return to open session; seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

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

The Board returned to open session at 3:27 p.m.

**10. Action Items Continued**

**C. Purchase Contract for 1209, 1211, and 1213 East University in Urbana**

MTD negotiated a purchase price of \$1,100,000 for three parcels located at 1209, 1211, and 1213 East University Avenue in Urbana. Future use of the property will include maintenance storage and perhaps relocation of the body shop. Mr. Parker noted that the contract in the Board packet has been revised to replace the phrase, "Board of Directors" with "Board of Trustees".

MOTION by Mr. Barnes to authorize the Managing Director to execute the amended contract as noted above with Mid Illinois Development LLC. for \$1,100,000 to purchase 1209, 1211, and 1213 East University Avenue in Urbana; seconded by Ms. Chaplan.

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

**11. Next Meeting**

A. Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., Illinois Terminal, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 45 East University, Champaign

**12. Adjournment**

MOTION by Mr. Nudo to adjourn into closed session:

- to consider the appointment employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, and
- to consider deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, and
- 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 3:38 p.m. to enter into closed session.

Submitted by:

  
Clerk

Approved 2/22/2023:

  
Board of Trustees Chair