



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

MINUTES – APPROVED

DATE: Wednesday, February 28, 2024
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	
Tomas Delgado	
Phil Fiscella	
George Friedman	
Alan Nudo	
	Sharif Ullah

Advisory Board:

Present	Absent
Jamie Singson	
	Vincent Wu

MTD Staff: Karl Gnadt (Managing Director), Amy Snyder (Deputy Managing Director), Michelle Wright (Finance Director), Brendan Sennett (Safety and Training Director), Jacinda Crawmer (Human Resources Director), Josh Berbaum (Maintenance and Facilities Director), Nate Warman (Comptroller), and Brittany Meeker (Clerk)

Others Present: Jodi Dobson, CPA, Partner, Baker Tilly US, LLP

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.
2. Roll Call
Present (5) – Barnes, Delgado, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo

Absent (1) – Ullah

The clerk declared that a quorum was present.
3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the agenda as distributed; seconded by Mr. Friedman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.
4. Audience Participation
There was no audience participation.
5. Approval of Minutes

A. Board Meeting (Open Session) – January 31, 2024

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the open session minutes of the January 31, 2024, MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Delgado. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

6. Communications
None

7. FY2023 MTD Audit Presentation by Baker Tilly US, LLP

Jodi Dobson, CPA, Partner at Baker Tilly US, LLP summarized MTD's fiscal year 2023 audit beginning 7/1/2022 and ending 6/30/2023. Ms. Dobson stated that the auditors issued a clean, unmodified opinion on the District's note disclosures and financial statements. This means that the note disclosures and financial statements are in proper form according to generally accepted accounting principles for governmental entities and supported by MTD's underlying accounting records and third-party confirmations. Ms. Dobson also explained some upcoming reporting requirements with GASB 101 and GASB 102. The final audit can be found on MTD's website:

<https://mtd.org/inside/documents/document-categories/financial/> - Fiscal Year 2023 – Audit Report.

Mr. Barnes accepted the FY2023 MTD Audit by Baker Tilly US, LLP, and it will be placed on file.

8. Reports

A. Managing Director

Mr. Gnadt welcomed back George Friedman, the newest MTD Board Trustee. Mr. Friedman has served on the Board previously, taking over a two-year term and then later completing three five-year terms. Mr. Friedman also served as Chair during his previous tenure on the Board and is a strong advocate of MTD.

Mr. Gnadt reviewed the statistics for January 2024. The January 2024 Ridership is up 15.1% from January 2023. Overall, Ridership is up 12.4% for the year-to-date compared to FY2023. Additionally, January 2024 operating revenue is up 21.50% above January 2023. Monthly operating expenses for January 2024 have increased 20.50%. Mr. Gnadt explained this was due to additional personnel hirings needed to return to full service. At this time, the District is back to 91% service and expects to return to full service by May 2024.

B. Committees of the Whole – Chair and Vice-Chair Assignments

Mr. Barnes assigned the following committee positions:

Administration – Nudo (Chair)
Facilities – Fiscella (Chair); Friedman (Vice-Chair)
Service Delivery – Delgado (Chair); Ullah (Vice-Chair)

Once the County Board appoints a new Trustee, the Vice-Chair of the Administration Committee will be determined.

9. Action Items

A. Appointment of District Secretary

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to appoint Brittany Meeker as the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District Secretary, seconded by Mr. Friedman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

10. Next Meeting

A. Decennial Committee of Local Government Efficiencies Meeting – Wednesday, March 27, 2024 – 3:00 p.m. – at Illinois Terminal, 45 East University, Champaign


B. Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, March 27, 2024– 3:00 p.m. immediately following the Decennial Committee Meeting – at Illinois Terminal, 45 East University, Champaign

11. Adjournment

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Mr. Barnes adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

Submitted by:


Clerk

Approved: 3/27/2024


Board of Trustees Chair