



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

## MINUTES – Approved

DATE: Wednesday, May 29, 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	
Paul Debevec	
Phil Fiscella	
George Friedman	
Alan Nudo	
Sharif Ullah	

### Advisory Board:

Present	Absent
Averhy Sanborn	
Jamie Singson	
	Christopher Walton

MTD Staff: Karl Gnadt (Managing Director), Amy Snyder (Deputy Managing Director), Michelle Wright (Finance Director), Brendan Sennett (Safety & Training Director), Jacinda Crawmer (Human Resources Director), Josh Berbaum (Maintenance & Facilities Director), Jay Rank (Operations Director), Ryan Blackman (Technology Services Director), Alyx Parker (MTD Attorney), and Brittany Meeker (Clerk)

### Others Present:

## MINUTES

1. Call to Order  
Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call  
Present (7) – Barnes, Delgado, Debevec, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah  
  
Absent (0)  
  
The clerk declared that a quorum was present.
3. Approval of Agenda  
  
MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve the agenda as distributed; seconded by Mr. Fiscella. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.
4. Audience Participation

There was no audience participation.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Board Meeting (Open Session) – April 24, 2024**

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve the open session minutes of the April 24, 2024, MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Ullah. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

**6. Communications**

None

**7. Reports**

**A. Managing Director**

Mr. Gnadt reviewed the statistics for April 2024. The April 2024 Ridership was up 23.8% from April 2023. Overall, Ridership was up 13.8% for the year-to-date compared to FY2023. Additionally, April 2024 operating revenue was 21% above April 2023 and year-to-date revenue was 21.40% above FY2023. Monthly operating expenses for April 2024 have increased 17% and year-to-date expenses were up 12.60%.

Mr. Gnadt also introduced new Board of Trustees member, Paul Debevec. Mr. Debevec is an experimental particle physicist and has been with the Department of Physics at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign since 1977. Additionally, Mr. Gnadt showed pictures of this year's Juneteenth celebration bus. The artwork was commissioned by local Black artists, Stacey "BLACKSTAR" Robinson and Kamau "DJ Kamaumau" Grantham, known together as BLACKMAU.

**B. FY2025 Draft Budget**

Mr. Gnadt discussed the highlights of the proposed FY2025 budget that will begin on July 1, 2024, and end June 30, 2025. The tentative budget has been available for public review on MTD's website since May 21, 2024, and the public hearing on the budget will be held at the next Board meeting on June 26.

**8. Action Items**

**A. Developmental Services Center (DSC) Contract**

This is an annual contract with DSC to provide ADA transportation for their clients within the District's boundaries. The District is required by law to ensure transportation for persons with mobility-limiting disabilities. MTD contracts this service to DSC as they can provide a specialized level of transportation and care services for their clients. The amount of the contract has decreased from \$577,548 to \$505,511.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to authorize the Managing Director to execute the contract with Developmental Services Center (DSC) in the amount of \$505,511 for ADA transportation of DSC clients, seconded by Mr. Friedman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

**B. C-CARTS Service to Illinois Center for Transportation**

Operations Director, Jay Rank, explained that representatives from the University of Illinois and Illinois Center for Transportation (ICT) approached MTD about serving their facility in Rantoul. As it is out of the MTD service area, C-CARTS is the most appropriate service to utilize. In discussions with ICT staff, MTD/C-CARTS staff developed a service plan that provides one morning trip from Lincoln Square to ICT and two afternoon trips from ICT to Lincoln Square within a modest budget with limited impact on existing C-CARTS service. The service was set up as a three-month pilot program, after which it will be determined if the service will remain in effect more permanently. In

addition, Mr. Rank explained the new service would add approximately 1.66 hours per day in additional service. Mr. Fiscella asked if the new service would affect commuters in Rantoul. Mr. Rank replied that the new service only affects the morning trip by about 15 minutes.

MOTION by Mr. Ullah to retroactively authorize the Managing Director to proceed with the C-CARTS Service to Illinois Center for Transportation agreement, seconded by Mr. Friedman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

C. Update to Digital Accessibility Policy

MTD Staff expanded on the District’s Web Accessibility Policy, approved by the Board on December 8, 2021. The update to the policy creates all-encompassing minimum digital accessibility standards, creates a process for developing and maintaining alternative access plans, and puts forth a methodology to procure compliant third-party software. This update is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which requires government agencies to meet the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) by April 24, 2027.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to adopt the updated Digital Accessibility Policy, seconded by Mr. Ullah. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

9. Next Meeting

- A. Decennial Committee of Local Government Efficiencies Meeting – Wednesday, June 26, 2024 – 3:00 p.m. – at Illinois Terminal, 45 East University, Champaign
- B. Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, June 26, 2024– 3:00 p.m. immediately following the Decennial Committee Meeting – at Illinois Terminal, 45 East University, Champaign

10. Adjournment

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

Mr. Barnes adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Submitted by:

  
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Clerk

Approved: 6/26/2024

  
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Board of Trustees Chair