



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

## MINUTES – Approved

DATE: Wednesday, July 31, 2024  
TIME: 3:00 pm  
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	
Roland White	

MTD Staff: Karl Gnadt (Managing Director), Amy Snyder (Deputy Managing Director and Clerk), Katie Good (Executive Assistant), Michelle Wright (Finance Director), Jay Rank (Operations Director), Ryan Blackman (Technology Services Director), Ashlee McLaughlin (External Affairs Director), and Jacinda Crawmer (Human Resources Director)

### Others Present:

## MINUTES

1. Call to Order  
Vice Chair Nudo called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.
2. Roll Call  
Present (4) – Barnes, Debevec, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo  
  
Absent (3) – Delgado, Ullah  
  
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. Barnes. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

4. Audience Participation  
There was no audience participation.

5. Approval of Minutes  
A. Board Meeting (Open Session) – June 26, 2024

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the open session minutes of the June 26, 2024, MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Friedman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

6. Communications  
None

7. Reports

- A. Managing Director

Mr. Gnadt introduced the new Board Clerk and Executive Assistant, Katie Good. Mr. Gnadt also announced that today's meeting would be clerked by the Deputy Managing Director, Amy Snyder. Roland White, Village of Savoy Engineer and Public Works Director, was also introduced as attending in place of Christopher Walton as the Village's Advisory Board Representative.

Mr. Gnadt reviewed the statistics for June 2024. The June 2024 Ridership was up 6.9% from June 2023. With the conclusion of FY2024, this final month's increase contributed to an overall ridership increase for the year of 12.9% compared to FY2023. MTD provided a total of 9,548,293 rides in FY2024, more than 1,090,249 than in FY2023.

June 2024 operating revenue was 60.7% above June 2023, and year-to-date revenue was 25.2% above FY2023. The monthly operating revenue is a negative amount due to the credit provided to the University of Illinois being applied at year's end due to MTD's inability to provide the full hours of the service agreement due to ongoing workforce shortages. Monthly operating expenses for June 2024 have increased 11.8% and year-to-date expenses were up 11.9%. Final FY2024 operating revenue was \$1,349,739 above budget, and expenses were \$4,738,573 below budget.

Mr. Gnadt also provided an update that the Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the solar array expansion at 803 E University Ave, and the demolition of the unused structures in the lot east of Illinois Terminal, would both be released the following day, August 1.

8. Action Items

- A. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve the release of the closed session meeting minutes listed on "Schedule 1," maintain confidentiality for the minutes listed on "Schedule 2," and destroy the verbatim recordings listed on "Schedule 3;" seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

- B. Annexations

Mr. Gnadt was joined by Operations Director, Jay Rank to provide an overview of the Land Parcels of Annexation Analysis maps (pages 38 – 45 of the Board Packet). Staff advanced seven areas for Board consideration that have parcels within them that comply with the District's annexation agreements and also meet the eligibility requirements set in the Local Mass Transit District Act.

Trustees discussed that MTD should annex all areas that are eligible to be annexed, while also determining how the District will provide service to the newly annexed areas. Trustees also discussed that if a parcel is eligible for annexation that, from an equity perspective, MTD should integrate transit modes and promote ADA accessibility.

Further clarification was provided about the annexation process by Mr. Gnadt. The discussion for today was to get consensus on the areas to advance for public input.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to advance the annexation process for all seven eligible areas in the maps provided; seconded by Mr. Friedman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

**9. Next Meeting**

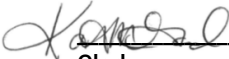
- A. Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, August 28, 2024– 3:00 pm – at Illinois Terminal, 45 East University Ave, Champaign

**10. Adjournment**

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

Mr. Nudo adjourned the meeting at 3:47 pm.

Submitted by:

  
Clerk

Approved:

  
Board of Trustees, Chair