



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

## MINUTES – Approved

DATE: Wednesday, September 25, 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	
Christopher Walton	

MTD Staff: Karl Gnadt (Managing Director), Amy Snyder (Deputy Managing Director), Katie Good (Executive Assistant and Clerk), Michelle Wright (Finance Director), Jay Rank (Operations Director), Jacinda Crawmer (Human Resources Director), Brendan Sennett (Safety and Training Director), Josh Berbaum (Maintenance and Facilities Director), Ashlee McLaughlin (External Affairs Director), and Alyx Parker (MTD Attorney)

### Others Present:

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### 1. Call to Order

Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

### 2. Roll Call

Present (6) – Barnes, Debevec, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah

Absent (1) –Delgado

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. Freidman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

4. Audience Participation  
There was no audience participation.

5. Approval of Minutes  
Board Meeting (Open Session)– August 28, 2024

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the open session minutes of the August 28, 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 reviewed statistics for August 2024. The August 2024 Ridership was down 3.54% from August 2023. It is noteworthy that there were four fewer weekdays in August 2024 compared to August 2023. Year to date ridership for August 2024 was up 1.8% compared to August 2023. Though MTD ridership levels are at a slight decrease compared to last year, ridership levels are faring well compared to five years ago in August 2019.

August 2024 operating revenue was 3.60% above August 2023. Year to date operating revenue was 4.6% above FY2024. Monthly operating expenses were up 6.9% from FY2024. Year to date operating expenses were up 6.1% from FY2024. August 2024 operating revenue was down \$1,717. August 2024 operating revenue was below budget by \$915,406.

8. Action Items

A. Authorizing Voluntary Annexation Discussions

Mr. Gnadt asked Trustee Fiscella to start the discussion regarding his interest in pursuing voluntary annexations for the properties that are adjacent to the Carle Clinic on Curtis Road. Mr. Fiscella provided a summary of why the Carle on Curtis Clinic is not currently within the District's boundaries, referencing passenger interest in accessing the property via MTD, and different ways the property may become eligible to be served by the District. Mr. Fiscella mentioned low property tax payments for farmland owners and hopes to reach out to the landowners to inquire about their interest in voluntary annexation to allow MTD service to the Carle on Curtis Clinic.

Trustees discussed how paratransit service is currently offered to the Carle on Curtis Clinic, but no fixed route service is available. Mr. Gnadt, at the Board's request, provided the Board with a summary of past proposals submitted to Carle regarding providing service to the Carle on Curtis Clinic. Clarification of this action item was provided stating Mr. Fiscella is asking for approval to start a discussion with the landowners and no negotiations will occur.

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to authorize Mr. Fiscella to initiate voluntary annexation discussions; seconded by Mr. Nudo. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Appointment of District Secretary

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to appoint Katie Good as the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District Secretary, seconded by Mr. Ullah. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

C. Approval of Contract for Demolition and Grading at Chester & Water.

Mr. Gnad was joined by External Affairs Director, Ashlee McLaughlin, and Maintenance Director, Josh Berbaum, to discuss demolition of properties owned by the District on the east side of the railroad tracks near Illinois Terminal. Demolishing the buildings and grading the area will allow the space on Chester & Water streets to be used as a temporary transfer area during the time Illinois Terminal is under construction for the expansion project.

Ms. McLaughlin noted four bids were received from the IFB sent on August 1, 2024. Mid-Illinois Concrete & Excavation Inc. was determined to be the lowest cost and the most responsible and responsive bidder at \$529,200 and thus recommended to the Board for approval.

Trustees discussed grant funds that will be used to assist with this portion of the Illinois Terminal Expansion Project and interest in seeing future architectural plans for the project when they are available.

MOTION by Mr. Ullah to approve the Contract for Demolition and Grading at Chester & Water, seconded by Mr. Friedman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.


**9. Next Meeting**

- A. Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, October 30, 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. Barnes adjourned the meeting at 3:51 pm.

  
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Clerk

Approved 10/30/24:

  
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Board of Trustees, Chair