



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

MINUTES – Approved

DATE: Wednesday, January 29, 2025
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: Amy Snyder (Deputy Managing Director), Katie Good (Executive Assistant and Clerk), Michelle Wright (Finance Director), Jay Rank (Operations Director), Drew Bargmann (Customer Service 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 (7) – Barnes, Debevec, Delgado, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah

Absent (0) –

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

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to strike the Closed Session to Consider the Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of a Public Official followed by Adjournment from the distributed agenda for January 29, 2025; seconded by Mr. Ullah. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Mr. Friedman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

4. Audience Participation
There was no audience participation.

5. Approval of Minutes
Board Meeting (Open Session)– December 4, 2024

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the open session minutes of the December 4, 2024, MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Friedman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

6. Communications
None

7. Reports
A. Managing Director

Ms. Snyder, Deputy Managing Director, announced she will conduct today's report on behalf of Karl Gnadt, Managing Director. Ms. Snyder noted the Board Packet contains data for both November and December 2024 and stated the verbal report will consist of the December 2024 data.

Ms. Snyder reviewed statistics for December 2024. The December 2024 Ridership was up 45.07% from December 2023. Year to date ridership for December 2024 was up 22.44% compared to December 2023. It was stated that this substantial growth is trending overall for the fiscal year. MTD ridership levels are just 1% behind pre-pandemic levels for the first six months of the current fiscal year.

December 2024 operating revenue was 2.1% below December 2023. This is attributable to the reduction in current interest rates. Year to date operating revenue was 1.2% above FY2024. Monthly operating expenses were up 13.2% from FY2024. It was noted this increase is due to increased wages to preserve MTD as a competitive employer along with recent bus purchases and the recent purchase of new fare boxes. Year to date operating expenses were up 6.1% from FY2024. December 2024 operating revenue was \$1,457,772 above budget and operating expenses were \$2,076,362 below budget.

Ms. Snyder noted December and January brought adverse winter weather including, snow, extreme temperatures, and strong winds. MTD employees across departments, including Operations, Maintenance, and Illinois Terminal, ensured the community had access to the daily service they are accustomed to despite the unfavorable weather conditions.

- B. FY2024 Audit Follow Up

Ms. Snyder was joined by Finance Director, Michelle Wright, to provide an update to the FY2024 audit.

Ms. Wright explained that no dollar amount changed in the audit report. The item *Direct Awards: Community Project Funding Congressionally Directed Spending Grant* was initially listed in the audit report with an incorrect listing number. The listing number has been corrected in the now updated Single Audit Report. Ms. Wright noted there were no changes or updates required with the Financial Audit.

8. Action Items
A. Election of Officers for One-Year Term – Chair and Vice- Chair

Mr. Barnes 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 1st. As previously approved by the Board, Katie Good is the Secretary to the Board and Amy Snyder, Deputy Managing Director, is the Treasurer. These terms are indefinite until the Board takes action to the contrary. Mr. Barnes opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Mr. Friedman nominated Dick Barnes for the Chair of the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District Board of Trustees. This was seconded by Mr. Fiscella. As there were no additional nominations for Board Chair, Mr. Barnes closed the nominations.

Roll Call:

Aye (7) – Debevec, Delgado, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

Dick Barnes was elected Chair of the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District Board of Trustees.

Mr. Barnes opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Fiscella nominated Alan Nudo for the Vice-Chair of the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District Board of Trustees. This was seconded by Mr. Delgado. As there were no additional nominations for Board Vice-Chair, Mr. Barnes closed the nominations.

Roll Call:

Aye (7) – Debevec, Delgado, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

Alan Nudo was elected Vice-Chair of the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District Board of Trustees.

B. Resolution 2025-1 – Setting a Public Hearing for an Annexation in South Ridge Subdivision, Urbana

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve Resolution 2025-1; seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:

Aye (7) – Debevec, Delgado, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

C. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Minutes

MOTION by Mr. Ullah 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. Friedman.

Roll Call:

Aye (7) – Debevec, Delgado, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

9. Next Meeting

A. Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, February 26, 2025– 3:00 pm – at Illinois Terminal, 45 East University Ave, Champaign.

10. Adjournment

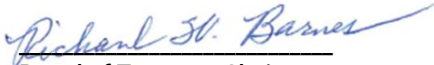
MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ullah.

Mr. Barnes adjourned the meeting at 3:18 pm.



Clerk

Approved: 02/26/25



Board of Trustees, Chair