



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

MINUTES – Approved

DATE: Wednesday, April 30, 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: Karl Gnadt (Managing Director), Amy Snyder (Deputy Managing Director), Katie Good (Executive Assistant and Clerk), Michelle Wright (Finance Director), Josh Berbaum (Maintenance and Facilities Director), Ryan Blackman (Technology Services Director), Jay Rank (Operations Director), Brendan Sennett (Safety and Training Director), and Alyx Parker (MTD Attorney)

Others Present:

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present (5) – Barnes, Debevec, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo

Absent (2) – Delgado, Nudo

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)– March 26, 2025

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the open session minutes of the March 26, 2025, MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Friedman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

- B. Annexation Public Hearing- Boulder Ridge Subdivision– April 10, 2025

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2025, MTD annexation public hearing meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Fiscella. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

- C. Annexation Public Hearing- Northwest of I-57– April 16, 2025

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2025, MTD annexation public hearing meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Fiscella. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

6. Communications
None

7. Reports
A. Managing Director

Mr. Gnadt reviewed statistics for March 2025. March 2025 ridership was up 19.4% from March 2024. Year to date ridership for March 2025 was up 19.4% compared to March 2024. It was noted ridership levels are at a healthy recovery level post pandemic and MTD will be close to the 2019 ridership levels at the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Nudo joined the meeting at 3:05pm.

March 2025 operating revenue was 1.6% below March 2024. This is a result of the reduction in current interest rates. Year to date operating revenue was 0.2% above FY2024. Monthly operating expenses were up 11.5% from FY2024. Last year at this time MTD was at an 80% service level. MTD is now at a 100% service level resulting in this increase in operating expenses. Year to date operating expenses were up 6.5% from FY2024. March 2025 operating revenue was \$1,969,340 above budget and operating expenses were \$2,932,096 below budget.

Mr. Gnadt noted he is on the Illinois High Speed Rail Commission (IL HSR). The IL HSR is conducting a feasibility study to explore options that would connect Chicago to St. Louis using high speed rail.

8. Action Items
A. Ordinance 2025-2 – Annexing Certain Territory – Boulder Ridge Subdivision, Champaign

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve Ordinance 2025-2; seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

- B. Ordinance 2025-3 – Annexing Certain Territory – Northwest of I-57, Champaign

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve Ordinance 2025-2; seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

C. District 116 Transportation Agreement Renewal

Mr. Gnadt mentioned both the Urbana and Champaign school districts have annual transportation agreements for the middle and high school students who live in District boundaries.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the District 116 Transportation Agreement Renewal; seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

D. Unit 4 Transportation Agreement Renewal

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the Unit 4 Transportation Agreement Renewal; seconded by Mr. Ullah.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

E. Resolution 2025-4 – Downstate Operating Assistance Program (DOAP) Grant Agreement

Mr. Gnadt noted this is the annual resolution MTD is required to include with their state grant application.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve Resolution 2025-4; seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

F. Approval of Shop Grate Replacement Contract, Phase 1

Mr. Gnadt noted this project has been budgeted for a number of years but has not been able to commence yet due to other projects in and around the garage.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the Shop Grate Replacement Contract, Phase 1; seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

G. Approval of CBRE Contract

Mr. Gnadt noted the CBRE contract has not been fully completed but the terms are established, including assistance with TIFIA funding, terms and conditions of the development agreement, and construction cost review.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the CBRE Contract; seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED


9. Next Meeting

- A. Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, May 28, 2025– 3:00 pm – at Illinois Terminal, 45 East University Ave, Champaign.

10. Adjournment

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

Mr. Barnes adjourned the meeting at 3:37 pm.


Clerk

Approved: 05/28/25


Board of Trustees, Chair