



# Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD)

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 – 3:00 pm

Illinois Terminal, North Banquet Room, 4th floor – 45 East University Avenue, Champaign

**Approved** | Recording available at [youtube.com/@RideMTD](https://youtube.com/@RideMTD)

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## Attendance

### Board of Trustees

#### Present

Dick Barnes – Chair  
Laura Bleill  
Phil Fiscella  
George Friedman

#### Absent

Alan Nudo – Vice Chair  
Sharif Ullah

### Advisory Board

#### Present

Averhy Sanborn  
Jamie Singson

#### Absent

### 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), and Alyx Parker (MTD Attorney)

### Others Present

None

# Minutes

## 1. Call to Order

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

## 2. Roll Call

Present (4)-Barnes, Bleill, Fiscella, Friedman

Absent (2)-Nudo, Ullah

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. Public Hearing on the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for FY2026

Mr. Barnes asked for public input on the tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the period from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. Beginning on May 23, 2025, the proposed budget was available for public review on MTD's website. The Notice of Public Hearing was published in The News-Gazette on May 23, 2025. Mr. Barnes opened the floor for public comment. As there were no comments, Mr. Barnes closed the Public Hearing.

## 5. Audience Participation

None

## 6. Approval of Minutes

### A. Board Meeting (Open Session)- May 28, 2025

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the open session minutes of the May 28, 2025, MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Friedman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

## 7. Communications

None

## 8. Reports

### A. Managing Director

Mr. Gnadt reviewed statistics for May 2025. May 2025 ridership was up 35.19% from May 2024. Mr. Gnadt noted this was a 20% increase from May 2019 ridership. Year to date ridership for May 2025 was up 20.13% compared to May 2024. Mr. Gnadt mentioned MTD is nipping at the heels of pre-pandemic ridership levels and noted MTD is operating at full service which has garnered a positive response from the community.

May 2025 operating revenue was 0.10% below May 2024. Year-to-date operating revenue was 0.10% above FY2024. Monthly operating expenses were up 9.9% from FY2024. Year-to-date

operating expenses were up 6.6% from FY2024. Mr. Gnadt noted May of last year MTD was at an 80% service level, MTD is now at a 100% service level resulting in this increase in operating expenses. May 2025 operating revenue was \$2,012,363 above budget and operating expenses were \$3,705,010 below budget.

## 9. Action Items

### A. Ordinance 2025-4 – Adoption of Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for FY2026

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to adopt Ordinance 2025-4; seconded by Ms. Bleill.

Roll				Call:
Aye	(4)–Bleill,	Fiscella,	Friedman,	Barnes
Nay				(0)
Abstain (0)				

The MOTION CARRIED

### B. Resolution 2025-5 – Committing Local Cost Share to Low-No Grant Program and Buses & Bus Facilities Grant Program

Mr. Grandt explained the Low-No Grant and Buses & Bus Facilities Grant programs, administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), provide funding for up to 80% of project costs if awarded. A condition for these programs is that agencies must pass a resolution committing the local funds necessary to complete the projects.

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve Resolution No. 2025-5; seconded by Ms. Bleill.

Roll				Call:
Aye	(4)–Bleill,	Fiscella,	Friedman,	Barnes
Nay				(0)
Abstain (0)				

The MOTION CARRIED

### C. Developmental Services Center (DSC) Agreement

Mr. Gnadt noted this is an annual agreement with DSC to provide ADA transportation for their clients within District boundaries. Contracting this service allows DSC to provide a more personalized transportation experience for their clients.

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve the Developmental Services Center (DSC) Agreement; seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

Roll				Call:
Aye	(4)–Bleill,	Fiscella,	Friedman,	Barnes
Nay				(0)
Abstain (0)				

The MOTION CARRIED

## 10. Next Meeting

## 11. Adjournment

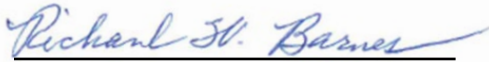
MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bleill.

Mr. Barnes adjourned the meeting at 3:22 pm.



Clerk

Approved: 07/30/25



Board of Trustees, Chair