



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD)

Wednesday, July 30, 2025 – 3:00 pm

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

Approved | Recording available at youtube.com/@RideMTD

Attendance

Board of Trustees

Present

Dick Barnes – Chair
Laura Bleill
Mark Brown
Phil Fiscella
George Friedman
Alan Nudo – Vice Chair
Sharif Ullah

Absent

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), Ashlee McLaughlin (External Affairs Director), Michelle Wright (Finance Director), Josh Berbaum (Maintenance & Facilities Director), Brendan Sennett (Safety & Training Director), Ryan Blackman (Technology Services Director), and Jay Rank (Operations Director)

Others Present

Alison Smyth (Center for Transportation and the Environment), Harry Wang (MTD Operations Intern)

Minutes

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present (7)-Barnes, Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah

Absent (0)

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

None

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Board Meeting (Open Session) - June 25, 2025

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve the open session minutes of the June 25, 2025, MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Fiscella. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

6. Communications

None

7. Fleet Propulsion Presentation

Mr. Gnadt was joined by Ashlee McLaughlin, External Affairs Director, Josh Berbaum, Maintenance & Facilities Director, and Alison Smyth, Lead Engineering Consultant, with the Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) to discuss MTD's past, current, and future fleet propulsion plans.

Mr. Ullah departed the meeting at 3:48pm.

8. Reports

A. Managing Director

Mr. Gnadt reviewed statistics for June 2025. June 2025 ridership was up 2.55% from June 2024. Mr. Gnadt noted that June is one of the lowest ridership months due to the absence of many students, faculty, and staff from the campus area along with many community members who often travel during this time. Year-to-date ridership for FY2025 was up 19.25% compared to FY2024.

Mr. Gnadt reminded Trustees of the University of Illinois service credit that was previously provided during the pandemic due to reduced service. This credit is no longer necessary now that full service is being provided. June 2025 operating revenue was 497.40% above June 2024 due to the mentioned credit. Year-to-date operating revenue was 8.9% above FY2024. Monthly

operating expenses were down 1.3% from FY2024. Year-to-date operating expenses were up 5.9% from FY2024. June 2025 operating revenue was \$1,953,203 above budget and operating expenses were \$4,389,592 below budget.

9. Action Items

A. Resolution 2025-6 – Setting a Public Hearing for an Annexation Northwest of Curtis & Staley, Champaign

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to adopt Resolution 2025-6; seconded by Ms. Bleill.

Roll Call:

Aye (6)–Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

B. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the suggested motion as printed; seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:

Aye (6)– Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

C. Annual Update to the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

Mr. Gnadt was joined by Brendan Sennett, Safety & Training Director, to discuss this year's PTASP updates. Mr. Sennett noted the changes included updates to the safety performance measures and how preventable accidents are calculated.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the Annual Update to the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP); seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:

Aye (6)– Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

D. Update to the Safety Sensitive Drug & Alcohol Policy

Mr. Gnadt was joined by Brendan Sennett, Safety & Training Director, to discuss the updates to the Safety Sensitive Drug & Alcohol Policy. Mr. Sennett noted the Federal Transit Administration requires grant recipients to have a drug and alcohol policy, and stated failure to have a compliant program could disrupt federal funding. Mr. Sennett stated the updates are minor, including position change updates, with the most notable change being the implementation of a zero-alcohol tolerance while on duty.

MOTION by Ms. Bleill to approve the Update to the Safety Sensitive Drug & Alcohol Policy; seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

Roll Call:

Aye (6)– Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

E. Zero Emission Transition Plan, 2025 Update

Mr. Gnadt was joined by Ashlee McLaughlin, External Affairs Director, to discuss the updates to the Zero Emission Transition plan for 2025. Ms. McLaughlin stated the Zero Emission Transition Plan is a requirement of the Low-No and Buses & Bus Facilities federal grants. Updates to the document are minor and reflect changes in the District's fleet replacement schedule, changes to policies, and cost updates for plan implementation.

MOTION by Ms. Fiscella to approve the Update to the Zero Emission Transition Plan, 2025 Update; seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:

Aye (6)– Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

10. Next Meeting

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, August 27, 2025 – at Illinois Terminal, 45 East University Ave, Champaign.

11. Adjournment

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

Mr. Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:24 pm.



Clerk

Approved: 08/27/25



Board of Trustees, Chair