



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD)

Wednesday, August 27, 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
Mark Brown
Phil Fiscella
George Friedman
Alan Nudo - Vice Chair
Sharif Ullah

Absent

Laura Bleill

Advisory Board

Present

Jamie Singson

Absent

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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), Kimberly Sebright (Assistant Finance Director), Brendan Sennett (Safety & Training Director), Ryan Blackman (Technology Services Director), Jay Rank (Operations 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 (6)-Barnes, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah

Absent (1) Bleill

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) – July 30, 2025

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the open session minutes of the July 30, 2025, 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 monthly statistics for July 2025 noting that July is the first month of the fiscal year making the monthly and year to date figures identical. July 2025 ridership was up 3.1% from July 2024. July 2025 operating revenue was 3.5% below July 2024. Monthly operating expenses were 1.0% above FY2025. July 2025 operating revenue was \$130,509 below budget and operating expenses were \$691,378 below budget.

Mr. Gnadt congratulated Brendan Sennett, Safety & Training Director, on being selected as one of *Mass Transit Magazine's* 40 Under 40. This national recognition highlights Mr. Sennett's commitment to safety and public transit. Mr. Gnadt introduced Kim Sebright, Assistant Finance Director. Ms. Sebright joins MTD with over ten years of professional accounting experience.

8. Action Items

A. Scheduling Adjustment for December 2025 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

Mr. Gnadt noted the scheduling adjustment, from December 3 to December 10, would allow MTD staff to participate in project feedback for an architectural class at the University of Illinois. Students will be conducting a visioning project for the Urbana Downtown Transfer Facility.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the scheduling adjustment for the December 2025 Regular Board of Trustees meeting; seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:
Aye (6)–, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah, Barnes
Nay (0)
Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

B. Approval of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and Bus Purchase Order

Mr. Gnadt was joined by Ashlee McLaughlin, External Affairs Director, to discuss the purchase of two replacement buses. The replacement purchase will use a two-million-dollar Federal Project Fund Award for one 40-foot and one 60-foot hydrogen fuel cell electric bus. It was noted that MTD does not have a purchasing contract for hydrogen fuel cell electric buses and participates in Washington state's Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, allowing for better pricing as multiple entities participate in the agreement.

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

9. Next Meeting

Annexation Public Hearing – Thursday, September 4, 2025 – at Friendship Lutheran Church of Joy, - 5:00 p.m. - 3601 South Duncan Road, Champaign

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, September 24, 2025 – 3:00 p.m. - 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 3:20 pm.



Clerk

Approved: 09/24/25



Board of Trustees, Chair