



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD)
Wednesday, October 29, 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

Jamie Singson

Absent

Averhy Sanborn

MTD Staff

Karl Gnadt (Managing Director), Amy Snyder (Deputy Managing Director), Katie Good (Executive Assistant and Clerk), Ashlee McLaughlin (External Affairs Director), Jacinda Crawmer (Human Resources Director), Michelle Wright (Finance Director), Ryan Blackman (Technology Services Director), Josh Berbaum (Maintenance & Facilities Director), Brendan Sennett (Safety & Training Director) and Alyx Parker (MTD Corporate Counsel)

Others Present

None

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 3:02 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. Friedman to approve the agenda as distributed; seconded by Ms. Bleill. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

4. Audience Participation

None

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Board Meeting (Open Session) – September 24, 2025

MOTION by Ms. Bleill to approve the open session minutes of the September 24, 2025, MTD Board 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 September 2025 noting this September is the third highest September for ridership in District history with 1,397,251 rides. September 2025 ridership was up 8.12% from September 2024. Year to date ridership for September 2025 was up 5.21% compared to September 2024.

September 2025 operating revenue was 4.8% below September 2024. Year-to-date operating revenue was 3.2% below FY2025. Mr. Gnadt noted this is in large part due to lowering interest rates on investment income. Monthly operating expenses were up 5.1% from FY2025. Year-to-date operating expenses were up 2.2% from FY2025. September 2025 operating revenue was \$269,945 above budget and operating expenses were \$1,440,911 below budget.

8. Action Items

A. Resolution 2025-7 – Determining Amount of Money Necessary to be Raised by the Tax Levy

Mr. Gnadt reviewed the tax levy process and explained how the calculation was made for the recommended increase.

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve Resolution 2025-7; seconded by Ms. Bleill.

Roll Call:

Aye (7)– Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

B. Resolution 2025-8 – Setting a Public Hearing for an Annexation in Northeast Urbana

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve Resolution 2025-8; seconded by Mr. Ullah.

Roll Call:

Aye (7)– Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

C. Resolution 2025-9 – Setting a Public Hearing for an Annexation North of Airport Road, Urbana

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve Resolution 2025-9; seconded by Ms. Bleill.

Roll Call:

Aye (7)– Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

D. Resolution 2025-10 – Setting a Public Hearing for an Annexation in East Urbana

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve Resolution 2025-10; seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

Roll Call:

Aye (7)– Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

E. Approval of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Software Contract

Mr. Gnadt was joined by Ashlee McLaughlin, External Affairs Director, to discuss ERP software and implementation services with Crowe, LLP, along with an option to amend the contract for up to three optional two-month implementation extensions. Ms. McLaughlin provided an overview of the current ERP software and the steps taken to procure a modern ERP software system.

MOTION by Mr. Ullah to approve the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Software Contract; seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:

Aye (7)– Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

F. Approval of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for Downtown Urbana, Recordation Services

Mr. Gnadt was joined by Ashlee McLaughlin, External Affairs Director to discuss an amendment to the existing contract with HDR, Inc. for NEPA services to include mitigation and recordation services. Ms. McLaughlin reviewed the previously approved contract and noted the amendment is needed due to the historical status of the former Urbana Civic Center building.

MOTION by Ms. Bleill to approve the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for Downtown Urbana, Recordation Services; seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:

Aye (7)– Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

9. Next Meeting

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, December 10, 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 3:32 pm.



Clerk

Approved: 12/10/25



Board of Trustees, Chair