



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD)

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

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

Grayson Hodson

MTD Staff

Karl Gnadl (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), Brendan Sennett (Safety & Training Director), Jay Rank (Operations Director), Drew Bargmann (Customer Service Director), and Alyx Parker (MTD Corporate Counsel)

Others Present

Terri Lynn Carteragi Morgan

Minutes

1. Call to Order

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

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

Terri Lynn Carteragi Morgan of Urbana had concerns about snow removal at Center Drive & Neil, near the Macy's in Champaign and requested expanded West Connect service as well as more service to the Edgebrook neighborhood in Urbana. Ms. Morgan would also like consideration of a "Senior Rides" program similar to SafeRides.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Annexation Public Hearing – North of Airport Road and Northeast Urbana – December 9, 2025

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2025, Annexation Public Hearing as distributed; seconded by Mr. Friedman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Board Meeting (Open Session) – December 10, 2025

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the open session minutes of the December 10, 2025, MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Nudo. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

C. Annexation Public Hearing – East Urbana – December 16, 2025

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2025, Annexation Public Hearing as distributed; seconded by Mr. Nudo. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

6. Communications

None

7. Reports

A. Managing Director

Mr. Gnadt noted the Board Packet contained two months of statistics, November and December 2025. Mr. Gnadt reviewed statistics for December 2025. December 2025 ridership was up 4.19% from December

2024. Year to date ridership for December 2025 was up 5.12% compared to December 2024. Mr. Gnadl noted the District is continuing to have positive ridership growth.

December 2025 operating revenue was 2.4% above December 2024. Year-to-date operating revenue was almost even with FY2025 with about a \$300 variance. Monthly operating expenses were 1.4% below FY2025. Year-to-date operating expenses were up 2.7% from FY2025. December 2025 operating revenue was \$1,243,473 above budget and operating expenses were \$2,570,998 below budget.

B. Single Audit Certification

Included in the January 28, 2026, Board Packet was the FY2025 Single Audit Report. The report was issued separately from the FY2025 audit due to a directive from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Governmental Audit Quality Center. There were no compliance findings for MTD's FY2025 Single Audit.

8. Action Items

A. Election of Board Officers for One Year Term – Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Barnes stated that according to MTD By-Laws, the Chair and Vice-Chair positions are elected from the Board of Trustees for a one-year term at the first regularly scheduled Board meeting after January 1st. As previously approved by the Board, Katie Good is Secretary to the Board and Amy Snyder, Deputy Managing Director, is the Treasurer. These terms are indefinite until the Board takes action to the contrary. Mr. Barnes opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Mr. Friedman nominated Dick Barnes for Chair of the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District Board of Trustees. This was seconded by Mr. Fiscella. As there were no additional nominations for Board Chair, Mr. Barnes closed the nominations.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (1) Barnes

Dick Barnes was elected Chair of the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District Board of Trustees.

Mr. Barnes opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Fiscella nominated Alan Nudo for Vice-Chair of the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District Board of Trustees. Mr. Friedman noted nominations do not need a second. As there were no additional nominations for Board Vice-Chair, Mr. Barnes closed the nominations.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (1) Nudo

Alan Nudo was elected Vice-Chair of the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District Board of Trustees.

B. MTD Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2026

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the MTD Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2026; seconded by Mr. Brown.

Roll Call:
Aye (7)– Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah, Barnes
Nay (0)
Abstain (0)

C. Ordinance 2026-1 – Annexing Certain Territory – North of Airport Road, Urbana

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve Ordinance 2026-1; seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:
Aye (7)– Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah, Barnes
Nay (0)
Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

D. Ordinance 2026-2 – Annexing Certain Territory – Northeast Urbana

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve Ordinance 2026-2; seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:
Aye (7)– Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah, Barnes
Nay (0)
Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

E. Ordinance 2026-3 – Annexing Certain Territory – East Urbana

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve Ordinance 2026-3; seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:
Aye (7)– Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah, Barnes
Nay (0)
Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

F., G., H. Resolution 2026-1 – Setting a Public Hearing for an Annexation in Cherry Hills; Resolution 2026-2 – Setting a Public Hearing for an Annexation of Illinois Power-Ameren Services Tract; Resolution 2026-3 – Setting a Public Hearing for an Annexation of Liberty on the Lake Subdivision

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve Resolution 2026-1, Resolution 2026-2, and Resolution 2026-3; seconded by Ms. Bleill.

Roll Call:
Aye (7)– Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah, Barnes
Nay (0)
Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

I. Ordinance 2026-4 – Committing Local Cost Share to BUILD Grant Program

MOTION by Mr. Nudo to approve Resolution 2026-4; seconded by Mr. Ullah.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

J. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve the release of closed session minutes listed on “Schedule 1”, maintain confidentiality for the minutes listed on “Schedule 2”, and destroy the verbatim recordings listed on “Schedule 3”; seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

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, February 25, 2026 – 3:00 p.m. - at Illinois Terminal, 45 East University Ave, Champaign.

10. Adjournment

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to adjourn into closed session to consider the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a Public Official followed by adjournment, seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Barnes adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.



Clerk

Approved: 02/25/26



Dick Barnes

Board of Trustees, Chair