



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD)

Wednesday, April 29, 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

Absent

Sharif Ullah

Advisory Board

Present

Absent

Grayson Hodson

Jamie Singson

MTD Staff

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

Others Present

None

Minutes

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Absent (1) - 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. Audience Participation

None

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Board Meeting (Open Session) – March 25, 2026

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the open session minutes of the March 25, 2026, MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Friedman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Board Meeting (Closed Session) – March 25, 2026

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the closed session minutes of the March 25, 2026, MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Friedman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

6. Communications

None

7. Reports

A. Managing Director

Amy Snyder, Deputy Managing Director, reviewed statistics for March 2026. March 2026 ridership was up 6.03% compared to March 2025. Year-to-date ridership for FY2026 was up 4.05% compared to FY2025.

February 2026 operating revenue was 2.0% below March 2025. Ms. Snyder stated the chief reason for this is due to a reduction in investment income. Year-to-date operating revenue was 0.20% above FY2025. Monthly operating expenses were up 4.5% from FY2025. Year-to-date operating expenses were up 3.10% from FY2025. March 2026 operating revenue was \$1,663,767 above budget and operating expenses were \$3,497,460 below budget.

8. Action Items

A. Ordinance 2026-8 – An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2026-5

Ms. Snyder noted action items A, B, and C are repealing annexation ordinances that were passed at the March Board of Trustees meeting due to an amendment to the Open Meetings Act that took effect January 1, 2026, that MTD staff were unaware of.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve Ordinance 2026 -8; seconded by Mr. Nudo.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

B. Ordinance 2026-9 – An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2026-6

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve Ordinance 2026-9; seconded by Mr. Brown.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

C. Ordinance 2026-10 – An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2026-7

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve Ordinance 2026-10; seconded by Ms. Bleill.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

D. Resolution 2026-6 – Setting a Public Hearing for an Annexation of Cherry Hills

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve Resolution 2026-6; seconded by Ms. Bleill.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

E. Resolution 2026-7 – Setting a Public Hearing for an Annexation of Illinois Power-Ameren Services Tract

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve Resolution 2026-7; seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

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

The MOTION CARRIED

F. Resolution 2026-8 – Setting a Public Hearing for an Annexation of Liberty on the Lake Subdivision

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve Resolution 2026-8; seconded by Ms. Bleill.

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

The MOTION CARRIED

G. Developmental Services Center (DSC) Annual Agreement

Ms. Snyder noted this annual agreement allows DSC to provide paratransit services with expert care to their clients while being able to participate in the Downstate Operating Assistance Grant through their relationship with MTD.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the Developmental Service Center (DSC) Annual Agreement; seconded by Ms. Bleill.

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

The MOTION CARRIED

H. District #116 Transportation Agreement Renewal

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the 2026-2027 Urbana School District #116 Transportation Agreement Renewal; seconded by Ms. Bleill.

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

The MOTION CARRIED

I. Unit 4 Transportation Agreement Renewal

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve the 2026-2027 Champaign School District Unit 4 Transportation Agreement Renewal; seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

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

Nay (0)
Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

J. Wayside Sign Replacement

Ms. Snyder was joined by Ryan Blackman, Technology Services Director. Mr. Blackman provided an overview of the current wayside signs and the proposed replacement signs.

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve the Wayside Sign Replacement; seconded by Ms. Bleill.

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

The MOTION CARRIED

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

Ms. Snyder was joined by Brendan Sennett, Safety & Training Director. Mr. Sennett provided an overview of the PTASP document and the proposed revisions for this year.

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

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

The MOTION CARRIED

9. Next Meeting

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, May 27, 2026 – 3:00 p.m. - at Illinois Terminal, 45 E University Ave, Champaign.

10. Adjournment

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

Mr. Barnes adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.



Clerk

Approved: 5/27/26

Handwritten signature of Alan Kudo in cursive script.

Board of Trustees, ~~Chair~~

VICE CHAIR