



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD)
Wednesday, June 24, 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

- Caitlin Kelly
- Jamie Singson
- Cade Whitt

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), Ryan Blackman (Technology Services Director), Jacinda Crawmer (Human Resources Director), Brendan Sennett (Safety & Training Director), Jay Rank (Operations Director), Josh Berbaum (Maintenance & Facilities Director), and Alyx Parker (MTD Corporate Counsel)

Others Present

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. Public Hearing on the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for FY2027

Mr. Barnes asked for public input on the proposed Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for the period from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Beginning on May 23, 2026, the proposed budget was available for public review on MTD's website. The Notice of Public Hearing was published in the News-Gazette on May 22, 2026. Mr. Barnes opened the floor for public comment. As there were no comments, Mr. Barnes closed the Public Hearing.

5. Audience Participation

None

6. Approval of Minutes

A. Board Meeting (Open Session) – May 27, 2026

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the open session minutes of the May 27, 2026, MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Friedman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

7. Communications

None

8. Reports

A. Managing Director

Mr. Gnadt introduced Cade Whitt, the newest member of the Advisory Board, who was appointed by the University of Illinois Student Senate as its student representative.

Mr. Gnadt reviewed statistics for May 2026. May 2026 ridership was up 3.87% compared to May 2025. Year-to-date ridership for FY2026 was up 4.05% compared to FY2025.

May 2026 operating revenue was 5.4% below May 2025. Year-to-date operating revenue was 0.80% below FY2025. Mr. Gnadt noted the predominate reason for the decrease in revenue is due to the reduction in interest revenue. Monthly operating expenses were up 8.2% from FY2025. Year-to-date operating expenses were up 4.30% from FY2025. May 2026 operating revenue was \$1,537,240 above budget and operating expenses were \$3,861,780 below budget.

9. Action Items

A. Ordinance 2026-11 – Adoption of Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for FY2027

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve Ordinance 2026-11; seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

B. Ordinance 2026-12 – Annexing Certain Territory – Cherry Hills

MOTION by Ms. Bleill to approve Ordinance 2026-12; seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

C. Ordinance 2026-13 – Annexing Certain Territory – Illinois Power-Ameren Services Tract

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve Ordinance 2026-13; seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

D. Ordinance 2026-14 – Annexing Certain Territory – Carle-Liberty on the Lake

Mr. Gnadt pointed out page 65 of the Board Packet stating the Ordinance should read “on the 15th day of May 2026” instead of June 2026 and asked Trustees to pass a motion to amend the Ordinance.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to amend Ordinance 2026-14 to state “on the 15th day of May 2026”; seconded by Mr. Ullah.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)
Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve the Ordinance 2026-14 as amended; seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

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

10. Next Meeting

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, July 29, 2026 – 3:00 p.m. - at Illinois Terminal, 45 E University Ave, Champaign.

11. Adjournment

MOTION by Ms. Bleill to adjourn into Closed Session to discuss the potential sale or lease of real property followed by adjournment, seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

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

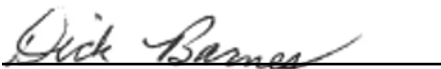
The MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Barnes adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.



Clerk

Approved: 07/29/26



Board of Trustees, Chair