



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD)
Wednesday, July 29, 2026 – 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	Absent
Dick Barnes – Chair	Sharif Ullah
Laura Bleill	
Mark Brown	
Phil Fiscella	
George Friedman	
Alan Nudo – Vice Chair	

Advisory Board

Present	Absent
Caitlin Kelly	
Jamie Singson	
Cade Whitt	

MTD Staff

Karl Gnadt (Managing Director), Amy Snyder (Deputy Managing Director), Katie Good (Executive Assistant and Clerk), Michelle Wright (Finance Director), Ashlee McLaughlin (External Affairs Director), Ryan Blackman (Technology Services Director), Jay Rank (Operations Director), and Jacinda Crawmer (Human Resources Director)

Others Present

Joe Murphy, Meyer Capel Attorney

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present (5)- Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Nudo, Barnes

Absent (2)-Friedman, 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. Brown.

The MOTION CARRIED.

4. Audience Participation

None

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Annexation Public Hearing- June 22, 2026

MOTION by Ms. Bleill to approve the annexation public hearing minutes from June 22, 2026, as distributed; seconded by Mr. Fiscella. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Board Meeting (Open Session)- June 24, 2026

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the open session minutes of the June 24, 2026, MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Ms. Bleill. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

C. Board Meeting (Closed Session)- June 24, 2026

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the closed session minutes of the June 24, 2026, MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Nudo. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

6. Communications

None

7. Reports

A. Managing Director

Mr. Gnadt reviewed statistics for June 2026. June 2026 ridership was up 6% from June 2025. Year to date ridership for June 2026 was up 4.1% compared to June 2025.

June 2026 operating revenue was 6.6% below June 2025. Year to date operating revenue was 1.1% below FY2025. Monthly operating expenses were up 10.9% from FY2025. Year to date operating expenses were up 4.8% from FY2025. June 2026 operating revenue was \$1,392,508 above budget and operating expenses were \$4,312,830 below budget.

8. Action Items

A. Champaign County Area Rural Transit System (C-CARTS) Intergovernmental Agreement

Mr. Gnadt was joined by Jay Rank, Operations Director, who provided an overview of C-CARTS funding. Mr. Gnadt noted C-CARTS is funded by outside grant funds coming into the community.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the Champaign County Area Rural Transit System (C-CARTS) Intergovernmental Agreement; seconded by Mr. Brown.

Roll Call:

Aye (5)–Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Nudo, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED.

B. Chamapaign County Area Rural Transit System (C-CARTS) Vehicle Lease Agreement

Mr. Gnadt was joined by Jay Rank, Operations Director, who summarized the lease agreement cost, vehicle maintenance, and ridership levels for C-CARTS.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the Champaign County Area Rural Transit System (C-CARTS) Vehicle Lease Agreement; seconded by Ms. Bleill.

Roll Call:

Aye (5)–Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Nudo, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

C. Update to Digital Accessibility Policy

Mr. Gnadt, joined by Ryan Blackman, Technology Services Director, provided an overview on the process that led to the creation of the Digital Accessibility Policy.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the Update to the Digital Accessibility Policy; seconded by Ms. Bleill.

Mr. Friedman joined the meeting at 3:16 pm.

Roll Call:

Aye (5)–Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Nudo, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (1) Friedman

The MOTION CARRIED

D. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella 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. Nudo.

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, August 26, 2026– 3:00 pm – at Illinois Terminal, 45 East University Ave, Champaign.

10. 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 (6)–Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:20 pm.



Clerk

Approved: 08/26/26



Board of Trustees, Chair