



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD)

Wednesday, September 24, 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

Absent

Sharif Ullah

Advisory Board

Present

Jamie Singson

Absent

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MTD Staff

Karl Gnadt (Managing Director), Katie Good (Executive Assistant and Clerk), Ashlee McLaughlin (External Affairs Director), Michelle Wright (Finance Director), Ryan Blackman (Technology Services Director), Josh Berbaum (Maintenance & Facilities Director), Jay Rank (Operations Director), Drew Bargmann (Customer Service Director), and Alyx Parker (MTD Attorney)

Others Present

None

Minutes

1. Call to Order

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

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) – August 27, 2025

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the open session minutes of the August 27, 2025, MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Friedman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Annexation Public Hearing-Northwest of Curtis & Staley – September 4, 2025

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2025, MTD public hearing 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 August 2025 noting that beginning this month and moving forward, all comparisons will be based on full-service data. Due to the full-service data comparisons, ridership increases are more modest relative to the past five years which were impacted by pandemic related reductions. August 2025 ridership was up 1.22% from August 2024. Year to date ridership for August 2025 was up 1.82% compared to August 2024.

August 2025 operating revenue was 0.7% below August 2024. Year-to-date operating revenue was 2.0% below FY2025. Mr. Gnadt noted this is not a concern and is expected to level out as the year progresses. Monthly operating expenses were up 0.3% from FY2025. Year-to-date operating expenses were up 0.6% from FY2025. August 2025 operating revenue was \$104,795 below budget and operating expenses were \$1,256,365 below budget.

8. Action Items

A. Title VI Plan Update

Mr. Gnadt was joined by Drew Bargmann, Customer Service Director and Title VI Officer, to discuss updates to the Title VI Plan. Mr. Bargmann noted the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires a plan update every three years. Mr. Bargmann provided an overview of the last Title VI Plan updates from 2022 and noted the 2025 updates are minor, consisting primarily of statistical updates and grammatical corrections.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the Title VI Plan Update; seconded by Ms. Bleill.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

B. Approval of Advertising Material Supply and Installation Services Contract

Mr. Gnadt was joined by Ashlee McLaughlin, External Affairs Director, to discuss the Advertising Material Supply and Installation Services Contract. Ms. McLaughlin provided an overview of the request for proposal process along with the proposal evaluation process. It was noted that this contract is nonexclusive, allowing MTD to continue to utilize local vendors as well.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the Advertising Material Supply and Installation Services Contract; seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:

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

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

C. Ordinance 2025-5 – Annexing Certain Territory – Northwest of Curtis & Staley

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve Ordinance 2025-5; seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

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, October 29, 2025 – 3:00 p.m. – at Illinois Terminal, 45 East University Ave, Champaign.

10. Adjournment

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bleill.

Mr. Barnes adjourned the meeting at 3:17 pm.



Clerk

Approved: 10/29/25



Board of Trustees, Chair