



MID-ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT

Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission

4:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 2023

MINUTES

Present:

Erica Austin*, Commissioner
Ryan Croke, President
Tessica Dooley, Commissioner
Davida Fanniel*, Commissioner

Aaron Gurnsey*, Vice President
John Stremsterfer*, Commissioner
Brian Zilm*, Commissioner

Staff Support: Abby Powell

Absent: Joe Hurwitz, Secretary; Gurpreet Mander, Commissioner; Jack Mazzotti, Commissioner

Other Guests: Steve Welch* (Representative Sue Scherer); Robert Ellison* (Memorial); Mike Nardini* (CBRE); Mike Disco* (City of Springfield); Danny Hardman (HSHS St Johns); Aly Grady* (DCEO); Belynda Allen* (DCEO); Linda Maier (Enos Park Development); Lakeisha Purchase* (Ward 5 Alderwoman)

*denotes attendance by zoom

1. Call to order and roll call

President CROKE called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm after noting a quorum was present. Attendance as indicated above. President CROKE introduced new members appointed to the Commission and presented a brief overview of the Mid-Illinois Medical District Act.

2. Minutes of the June 8, 2023 Commission meeting

On a motion by Commissioner STREMSSTERFER seconded by Commissioner AUSTIN, commission members unanimously approved the minutes of the June 8, 2023 meeting.

3. Financial Report

There was no financial report available.

4. Stakeholder Updates:

- Danny Hardman: HSHS is developing the parking lot across from YMCA for community use.
- Robert Ellison – Memorial had a reduction in force of approximately 400 employees across the system.



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- Alderwoman Lakeisha Purchase: The IL State University nursing program ribbon cutting is tomorrow (8/18). Alderwoman Purchase stressed the need for housing for students and others who want to live in the medical district.
- Linda Maier, Enos Park Development: EPD is meeting with a developer regarding a multi-use residential project along 9th Street.
- Aly Grady, DCEO: Introduced Belynda Allen as the new Central Regional Manager for Team RED. Belynda will be the contact for the MIMD at DCEO.

5. Public Comment: None

6. Old Business

- Master Plan for Downtown and Mid-Illinois Medical District – Planning efforts are ongoing.
- Bi-Annual Report – A draft copy will be circulated among members of the commission and filed in the coming month.
- Housing Developments / Funding – Developers are encouraged to submit proposals to the Commission as they are interested in funding.

7. New business

- Ethics Officer
Commissioner STREMERFER moved to name Commissioner DOOLEY as the ethics officer, with a second provided by President CROKE. There was unanimous approval among the Commissioners.
- MIMD Act – Commissioner STREMERFER and President CROKE discussed potential amendments to the Act, including the consideration of a boundary amendment to include the downtown neighborhood.

8. Adjourn

On a motion from Commissioner GURNESY, the meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joe Hurwitz, MIMD Commission Secretary