



# MID-ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT

Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission  
Virtual Meeting  
4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 14, 2022

## MINUTES

### **Present:**

Charlene Aaron, Commissioner  
Erica Austin, Commissioner  
Ryan Croke, President  
Aaron Gurnsey, Vice President

Gurpreet Mander, Commissioner  
Jack Mazzotti, Commissioner  
Norm Sims, Commissioner  
John Stremsterfer, Commissioner

**Absent:** Rex Brown, Egbe Egiebor, Joe Hurwitz, Ramona Metzger (Treasurer)

**Staff Support:** Abby Powell (Staff Support)

**Other Guests:** Jim Langfelder (City of Springfield), Steve Welch (for Representative Sue Scherer), Gail O'Neill (Sangamon County Health Department), Michelle Ownbey (Enos Park Development), Linda Maier (Enos Park Development), Aly Grady (DCEO) Ryan McCrady (SSGA),

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### **1. Call to order and roll call**

President CROKE called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm after noting a quorum was present. Attendance as indicated above.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes of the February 10, 2022 Commission meeting**

On a motion by Vice President GURNSEY, seconded by Commissioner MANDER, commission members unanimously approved the minutes of the February 10, 2022 meeting.

### **3. Financial Report:**

On a motion by Commissioner STREMSTERFER and second provided by President CROKE, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the financial statements from January, February, and March 2022.

### **4. Stakeholder Updates:**

- Dr. Charlene Aaron informed the Commission that St. John's School of Nursing is very focused on workforce development and that they have created two new programs: Doctor of Nursing Practice and LPN to Bachelor pathway program, which is the first of its kind in Illinois.
- Dr Gurpreet Mander notes that they are seeing a shift away from travel nurses and a return to full-time nursing staff



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- Mayor Langfelder thanked Representative Sue Scherer and Senator Doris Turner for their successful efforts to obtain funding for the Medical District.
- Michelle Ownbey noted that Enos Park is enthusiastic about housing projects in the neighborhood.
- Steve Welch asked those in attendance to contact Representative Scherer's office if she can be of assistance to the MIMC Commission.

## 5. Public Comment: None

## 6. Old Business

- a) Comprehensive plan – STREMFERFER updated the commission on the status of the master plan consultant search. The selection committee identified the top firm.
- b) Affiliation Agreement between Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance and Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission. On a motion by Vice President GURNSEY and second provided by Commissioner STREMFERFER, the Commission voted unanimously to approve proposed agreement.

## 7. New business

- a) POWELL informed the commission that CBRE has expressed interested in working with the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance to promote real estate and development opportunities within the district. Commissioner SIMS expressed some concern over the lack of specificity in the agreement. STREMFERFER asked if the agreement would be exclusive. POWELL clarified that there is not a formal agreement to date and there is no exclusive arrangement with CBRE.

Commissioner MAZOTTI made a motion to commend and support the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance in its efforts to promote real estate opportunities and develop the Mid Illinois Medical District. A second for the motion was provided by Commissioner Aaron, followed by unanimous approval.

- b) Statements of Economic Interest. POWELL reminded commissioners to file their Statements of Economic Interest before the May 2, 2022 deadline. Commissioners who do not file will be subject to late fees of \$15/day until May 16, when the fine increases to \$100/day.

## 8. Adjourn

On a motion from Vice President GURNSEY, Second by Commissioner SIMS, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Joe Hurwitz, MIMD Commission Secretary