



# MID-ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT

Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission  
Virtual Meeting  
4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 9, 2023

## MINUTES

### **Present:**

Charlene Aaron, Commissioner  
Ryan Croke, President  
Joe Hurwitz, Secretary

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

**Staff Support:** Abby Powell, Ramona Metzger

**Absent:** Aaron Gurnsey (Vice President) Rex Brown (Commissioner), Gurpreet Mander (Commissioner)

**Other Guests:** Gail O'Neill (Sangamon County), Matt Fry (St John's Hospital), Mike Nardini (CBRE), Josh Koonce (Houseal Lavigne), Lakiesha Purchase (City of Springfield), Steve Welch (Representative Sue Scherer), Allen Mays (SIU School of Medicine), Linda Maier (Enos Park Development)

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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 January 19, 2023, Commission meeting**

On a motion by Commissioner HURWITZ, seconded by Commissioner STREMSTERFER, commission members unanimously approved the minutes of the January 19, 2023 meeting.

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

METZGER reviewed the financial report for January 2023.

STREMSTERFER made a motion to approve the financial reports as submitted, with a second by CROKE and unanimous approval by all present.

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

- Dr. Charlene Aaron – St John's College of Nursing is busy with the Nursing Pipeline Preparatory Program. Thank you to supporters, including Community Foundation. Dr. Aaron has accepted a new position at OSF and will be with St. John's through May.



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- Matt Fry – Began by recognizing Dr. Aaron and her enormous impact on St. John’s and the community. St. John’s is improving operationally and has stabilized services that have been disrupted in the past. Danny Hartman, new Chief Operating Officer for the hospital, has been on board for one month. The system also has a new Chief Operating Officer, Katy Donovan, who is a fantastic addition to the system.
- Alderwoman Lakeisha Purchase – Medic First has completed its first walk-through and is preparing for a grand opening. ISU Nursing program will also start in the fall.
- Linda Maier – There is still interest in building new or renovating existing residential in the Enos Park neighborhood.

## 5. Public Comment:

- None.

## 6. Old Business

- Master Plan for Downtown and Mid-Illinois Medical District – Josh Koonce from Houseal Lavigne provided an update on the master plan. A short discussion followed.
- MIMD Funding for housing included in state budget bill – POWELL met with DCEO Deputy Director Aly Grady to discuss uses for the funding. The first step is to have the funding released, then the Commission has 12-24 months to spend it.
- Bi-Annual Report – Please submit any items you wish to include.
- Statements of Economic Interest – Reminder to complete.

## 7. New business

None

## 8. Adjourn

On a motion from HURWITZ, and a second by AARON, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joe Hurwitz, MIMD Commission Secretary