



MID-ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT

Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission
4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 13, 2025

MINUTES

Present:

Erica Austin, Commissioner
Ryan Croke, President
Aaron Gurnsey*, Vice President
Joe Hurwitz, Secretary

Jack Mazzotti, Commissioner
Brian McFadden, Commissioner
Nicole Florence*, Commissioner
Brian Zilm*, Commissioner

Staff Support: Abby Powell, Ramona Metzger

Absent: Tessica Dooley, John Stremsterfer

Other Guests: Sean Pritchard (City of Springfield); Mike Disco (City of Springfield); Michelle Ownbey (Enos Park); Steve Welch (Representative Scherer); Alderwoman Lakeisha Purchase (City of Springfield); Miriam Wallace (UIS)

*denotes attendance by zoom

1. Call to order and roll call

President CROKE called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm after noting a quorum was present. Attendance as indicated above.

2. Minutes of the December 2, 2024 Commission meeting

On a motion by Commissioner HURWTIZ seconded by Commissioner MCFADDEN, commission members unanimously approved the minutes of the December 2, 2024 meeting.

3. Financial Report

Financial Reports for October 2024 through January 2025 were submitted by Treasurer Metzger. On a motion by MCFADDEN seconded by HURWTIZ financial reports were unanimously approved.

4. Stakeholder Updates:

- Joe Hurwitz shared that the CEO transition for Memorial will occur on April 1, with Mandy Eaton assuming the role after Ed Curtis's retirement on March 31, 2025.
- HSHS St John's will also have a new CEO after Matt Fry announced his departure.
- Michelle Ownbey from Enos Park shared that Hope Springs developers out of the Chicago area, who developed housing along 9th street about 12 years ago, intend to purchase and develop property on the 800 block of 9th street. They are proposing additional housing units with support from IHDA. Zoning in March, Council in April, decision from IHDA in April.



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- Alderwoman Purchased echoed her support of the proposed housing development along 9th street.
- Zilm (Budzinski's Office) said the process for support of community projects has been held at the federal level.
- Croke (Governor's Office) Carefully monitoring potential changes at the federal level that would have healthcare outcomes in the state.
- McFadden (Sangamon County) Deadline for the 708 Advisory Committee just closed. The committee will meet throughout the year to provide recommendations and prepare for a referendum in March 2026.

5. Public Comment: None

6. Old Business

- HURWITZ asked about the status of the \$250,000 appropriation. CROKE shared that it is

7. New business

Economic impact of SIU School of Medicine, shared by CROKE.

8. Adjourn

On a motion from MCFADDEN, and 2ND from MAZZOTTI, the meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joe Hurwitz, MIMD Commission Secretary