



MID-ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT

Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission
1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2026

MINUTES

Present:

Erica Austin, Commissioner

Ryan Croke, President

Tessica Dooley, Commissioner

Joe Hurwitz, Secretary

Aaron Gurnsey, Vice President

Brian McFadden, Commissioner

John Stremsterfer, Commissioner

Staff Support: Abby Powell, Ramona Metzger

Absent: Nicole Florence, , Jack Mazzotti, Commissioner, Brian Zilm

Other Guests: Amy Raising (CoS), Jennifer Boyer (Springfield Clinic), Dilpreet Raju (Illinois Times), Belynda Allen (DCEO), Robert Ellison (Memorial) Jay Shanley (DSI), Steve Welch

1. Call to order and roll call

President CROKE called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm after noting a quorum was present. Attendance as indicated above.

2. Minutes of February 12, 2026, Commission meeting

On a motion by Commissioner HURWITZ seconded by Commissioner MCFADDEN commission members unanimously approved the minutes of the February 12, 2026 meeting.

3. Senate Bill 2829

Senate Bill 2829 and its associated amendment renames the body, expands the boundaries of the district to include Springfield Clinic's main campus, broadens the Commission's mission to include housing and other economic development activities, requires master planning for the district, and slightly alters the makeup of the commission. The amendment removes the Commission's eminent domain authority but retains its authority to acquire property.

Discussion among commission members regarding the elimination of eminent domain authority. Commissioner HURWITZ notes that the threat of eminent domain allowed the Commission to develop properties in the District. HURWITZ asked that eminent domain authority be reinstated. Commissioner MCFADDEN provided additional context regarding the original drafting of the Mid Illinois Medical District Act and echoed Commissioner HURWITZ's request that eminent domain authority be reinstated.



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Commissioner GURNSEY moved to offer Commission support for SB 2829, including the amendment, with the request to retain eminent domain authority. There was a second from Commissioner DOOLEY, and the motion was passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment:

- Robert Ellison (Memorial Health) expressed support for the MIMD Commission retaining eminent domain authority.

5. Adjourn

On a motion from STREMERFER and 2ND from HURWITZ the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joe Hurwitz, MIMD Commission Secretary