The Board of Trustees of the Sangamon Mass Transit District met in a regular session on June 22, 2026, in the Training Room of the Sangamon Mass Transit District located at 928 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois. The Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM by Brian Brewer, Chairperson.

I. ROLL CALL

Present:

Brian Brewer	Chairperson
Sue Davsko	Vice Chairperson
Leslie McCarthy	Secretary
Karen Hasara	Treasurer
Charlie Stratton	Trustee
Sandra Douglas	Trustee
Jerry Doss	Trustee (Enters at 5:00 PM)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Davsko made a motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2026, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, and Trustee McCarthy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. DIRECTORS REPORTS

Managing Director Steve Schoeffel highlighted that the walkway was put in place between the Sangamon County building and the Transfer Center. It was quick and visible progress of the project moving forward. The East Yard project that received Board approval last month also received approval from IDOT and is moving forward. Other items were included in his written report.

Director of Finance and Administration, Michelle Alexander advised that most items are covered under new business. She noted in her report that as of today June 22, there is not an executed DOAP agreement in place yet for July 1 with the state of Illinois.

Director of Operations, Melissa Ashford, advised ridership over SMTD Transit Week May 11-16 was successful and we served over 26k riders that week. Paratransit rides will exceed 6 figures this year, surpassing dips in ridership experienced due to covid. Since that time Paratransit has increased each year and averages over 8k rides per month. Operations will review routes for improvements to prepare for 2027.

IV. REPORTS

A. Approval of April 2026 Financial Statements and Cash Disbursements Trustee McCarthy made a motion to approve the April 2026 Financial Statements and Accounts Payable Disbursements, seconded by Trustee Douglas and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Board Committee Reports

Finance: Trustee Hasara reported the committee did meet and have more feedback next month

Operations: No report.

Administration: Trustee Stratton provided feedback that will have more to speak on next month

IT Steering: Standard monthly meeting with County IT staff.

Planning Commission Report: Jason Sass, of SSCRPC advised work on the Active Transportation Plan continues while waiting on State of Illinois statewide plan. Statewide it is important to review the statewide plan before finalization of the plan here is completed. Work on Transportation Improvement Plans for FY2027-2030 also continues.

SMTD ADA Advisory Committee Report: No report

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed renewal of commercial insurance and all property and liability coverages

Mr. Tom Cavanaugh of Gallagher insurance addressed the Board and advised that overall renewal is up 4.6%. He noted challenges in the industry regarding property insurance such as judgements in commercial insurance class action suits paired with commercial providers lowering limits of policies and coverages. He went over additional limits and changes to the policy this year that were minimal and explained risk model that is used by insurance carriers and how it is graded over a five-year term.

(ENTER TRUSTEE DOSS)

Trustee Hasara made a motion to execute all necessary policy riders and contractual documents to effect insurance coverage for FY27 as presented by Gallagher Insurance. Trustee McCarthy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2027 Corporate Operating & Capital Budget

Director of Finance and Administration, Michelle Alexander advised that the budget was put on display in April and since that time there have been changes made due to IDOT changes and tax levy changes since that time creating overall changes in revenue. There was also a change in fuel cost. The required public hearing was completed on June 8. The budget includes $28,410,116 in operating and $22,774,491 in capital expenses that totals $51,184,607 that SMTD is asking to be approved tonight.

Trustee Davsko made a motion to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Corporate Operating & Capital Budget as presented, and Trustee McCarthy second. This motion passed unanimously.

C. Place the SMTD General Tax Levy Ordinance for FY 2027 On Display

Director of Finance and Administration Michelle Alexander advised that the levy will be put on display this evening and prepared for adoption at the August board meeting. Historically, the levy mirrors the state CPI model. Because of the change in matching with the state there were funds that moved from restricted to unrestricted levy for a total amount of 3.3 million dollars.

Trustee McCarthy made a motion for staff to prepare the proposed tax levy. Trustee Doss seconded and it passed unanimously.

D. Consider One-Year Renewal of Third Party Claims Management Agreement

Grants and Procurement Manager Hadley Markiewicz advised this is the final optional extension year of the current contract with Lodestar, formerly PMA, our third-party claims management vendor. The increase in the proposal is in line with master agreement of up to 6% average at renewal.

Trustee Douglas made a motion to approve the one-year agreement for the third-party claims management with Lodestar. Trustee McCarthy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

E. CONSIDER DECLARING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT SURPLUS

Director of Finance and Administration, Michelle Alexander advised that equipment related to server and storage hardware that was replaced in January, as well as three outdoor storage trailers on the property, are beyond their useful life. SMTD would like to include their disposal in the East Property Updates scheduled to begin this summer.

Trustee McCarthy made a motion to prepare equipment declared surplus for final disposition. Trustee Davsko seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. CLOSED MEETING

Seeing no further business to come before the board, Trustee Douglas made a motion to close the open meeting and open a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing 5 ILCS 120/2(c) 1. Personnel Matters; 5. Property; 8. Security; and 21. Minutes of Closed Meetings. The open meeting closed at 5:14pm.

Trustee Hasara made a motion to close the closed meeting and reopen the open meeting of June 22, 2026. Trustee McCarthy second and motion passed unanimously and the open meeting re-opened at 5:37pm.

VII. ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

A. PERSONELL MATTERS

Based on detailed discussions held during closed sessions, Trustee Stratton made a motion to accept staff recommendations as discussed and that the managing director's contract compensation would be further reviewed. Trustee Doss seconded and motion passed unanimously.

B. DISCUSSION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS LAWFULLY CLOSED UNDER THIS ACT

Trustee Douglas made a motion that the minutes closed from previous meetings remain closed. Trustee McCarthy seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business coming before the Board, Trustee McCarthy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Davsko, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Approved:

Brian Brewer, Chairperson

Leslie McCarthy, Secretary