

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2026**

Present:

George Markezich, Chairman
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
Derienzia Johnson, Trustee
Patty Gregory, Trustee
Ken Sharkey, SCCTD Managing Director
John Baricevic, Attorney
Tony Erwin, SCCTD
Mike Buehlhorn, SCCTD

Excused Absents:

Guests: None

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Markezich, at 11:00 am. called for a roll call for all Board Members, Mosley, present; Johnson, absent; Gregory, present; Markezich, present; the meeting has an official quorum.

Approval of Minutes:

- **A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of June 9, 2026. The motion passed with a voice vote.**

Introduction of Guests:

Public Comment: None

Reports:

Ken Sharkey:

- Mr. Sharkey reported Mr. Buehlhorn came to the meeting to discuss the bus service for the County Fair Event beginning August 1st. Mr. Buehlhorn outlined the bus route to the fair grounds from the various parking areas within the route outlined. He advised the bus service will operate from 9 am to 11 pm all three days of the event.

- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a meeting with Gonzalez Company on MetroLink Extension project. He advised the schedule agenda items continue to become less as the project nears completion.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended an Illinois Public Transportation Association meeting. Discuss the Illinois legislative Spring session items.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a Juneteenth wellness and Unity Fair sponsored by Comprehensive Behavioral Health.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with Chestnut Supervisor for quarterly meeting about the service on MetroLink and Mes Buis stop locations.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with Jim Schiffendecker and Metro Fare Revenue department to review upcoming new fare system at Metro. He advised the SCCTD Staff and Age Smart have been issuing new Senior Pass and Benefit access Pass cards which are chips enabled to open fare gates and to be used on Metro Bus.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he virtually attended a CMT Candid Conversations featuring Metro Staff discussing new fare systems and Secure Platform Project.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with CEO – President of Bi-State Development and County Leadership team to discuss funding and service levels for transit in the region.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with IDOT transit Capital staff to facilitate Illinois Rebuilt Grant \$10.8 million to electrify the ATS Fleet.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a couple of St. Clair County Fair planning sessions which includes a need for bus transportation for three days.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a round table meeting with Illinois Department to Human Resources to learn about federal cuts in funding for homeless population. He advised he met the new downstate Governors Representative.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he participated in three meetings with Benesch Company who is conducting bus transit review systems in St. Clair County.
- Mr. Sharkey reported, SCCTD Staff, Trustees and County Leaders held a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the 4.5-mile bike and pedestrian. He advised it was a huge success. Thanks to everyone for participating.

- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended two IDOT led meetings, which explained their new system for rating transit district for financial risks assessment.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he rode three MetroLink Trains with Executive VP Ron Forrest.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with Metro about the HVAC units requested for 24 MetroLink Trains.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with Kim Cella of CMT and Kelly Harris from the Hauser group to plan for upcoming future media events involving SCCTD initiatives.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he will be participating in agency Stakeholder meetings to gain their perspective for the bus service transit review by Benesch company.
- Mr. Sharkey reported that in their Board packet there is a financial report which indicates SCCTD investing over \$4.1 million for law enforcement for MetroLink coverage. He said the new pending agreement with Mascoutah Police Department will increase our investment in law enforcement. He also advised they have the current schedule for Sherriff Deputy secondary volunteer sign up detail for MetroLink detail. He said the two-week schedule indicates 780 schedule hours for the voluntary sign-up detail. He advised, 132 of those hours are assigned to deputies to ride MetroLink trains which represents 17% of the two week detail workforce.

John Baricevic: Nothing to Report

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

- Mr. Sharkey presented a letter of request for a retired van from the Team Armstead Community Center. Chairman Markezich asked if there were any further questions, hearing none called for a motion:

Motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Johnson to accept the request and place on file. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented a quote from Pro-Alarm to install a security system at the maintenance facility due to the concern with the break ins in the local businesses. Chairman Markezich asked if there were any further questions, hearing none called for a motion:

Motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the quote as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the Bunkum Road Phase I Agreement between SCCTD and SCC. Chairman Markezich asked if there were any further questions, hearing none called for a motion:

Motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve the agreement as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the City of Mascoutah Security Agreement for the new MAA Station. It was also advised this service will not begin until after the station goes on line. Chairman Markezich asked if there were any further questions, hearing none called for a motion:

Motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Gregory to approve as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the required MEPRD Resolution to be submitted with the Grant Application Chairman Markezich asked if there were any further questions, hearing none called for a motion:

Motion was made by Ms. Gregory and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote. The motion passed.

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Motion was made by Ms. Gregory and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the TWM Task Order to design the trail extension to the MAA Station. Chairman Markezich asked if there were any further questions, hearing none called for a motion:

Motion was made by Ms. Gregory and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the Bistate Funding Request CP000255 LRV HVAC Replacement. Chairman Markezich asked if there were any further questions, hearing none called for a motion:

Motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote. The motion passed.

There being no further business Chairman Markezich entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Johnson. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

Next Board Meeting – **August 11, 2026, at 5:00 pm** located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.

Adjournment 11:28 am