MID-ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT

Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission
4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 12, 2026

MINUTES

Present:

Erica Austin*, Commissioner
Ryan Croke, President
Tessica Dooley*, Commissioner
Brian McFadden*, Commissioner
Nicole Florence*, Commissioner
John Stremsterfer, Commissioner
Brian Zilm*, Commissioner

Staff Support: Abby Powell

Absent: Joe Hurwitz, Aaron Gurnsey, Jack Mazzotti, Ramona Metzger

Other Guests: Steve Welch (Representative Scherer); Christopher McDowell (SIU Med); Annie Croke (Concerned Citizen); Henry Croke (Concerned Citizen); Dilpreet Raju (IL Times); Michelle Owenby (Springfield Business Journal)

*denotes attendance by zoom

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1. **Call to order and roll call**
   President CROKE called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm after noting a quorum was present. Attendance as indicated above.

2. **Minutes of the December 11, 2025 Commission meeting**
   On a motion by Commissioner STREMSTERFER seconded by Commissioner ZILM commission members unanimously approved the minutes of the December 11, 2025 meeting.

3. **Financial Report**
   No Financial Reports were available

4. **Stakeholder Updates:**
   - MCDOWELL (ISU Med) – welcomed the MIMD Commission to campus.
   - OWNBEY (EPNIA) –SIU Day of Service last Saturday was a success. Glad to strengthen the SIU partnership.
   - WELCH (Representative Scherer) – Representative Scherer is interested in learning more about the proposed 708 Board and public sentiment around the upcoming ballot referendum.
   - ZILM (Congresswoman Budzinski) – CPF projects will be opening up for funding requests for projects around the $1M range. If there are eligible projects, please share with the Congresswoman's office.

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5. **Public Comment:**
   - None

6. **Old Business**
   - None

7. **New business**
   - IL Senate Bill 2829 - CROKE shared highlights of the bill. Per the recommendations of the Downtown and Mid Illinois Medical District Master Plan, the bill expands the boundary of the District to South Grand Avenue, which will include Springfield Clinic headquarters. Bill has been assigned to the Local Governments Committee.

8. **Adjourn**
   On a motion from FLORENCE and 2ND from ZILM the meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Submitted by:
Joe Hurwitz, MIMD Commission Secretary