

**MID MON VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
1300 MCKEAN AVE
CHARLEROI, PA 15022
August 27, 2026
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Directly prior to the Call to Order, Speers Mayor Timothy Herd administered the oath of office to the following Board Member, who began their term of office: Roderick Wilson (Borough of Donora)

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman – 5:00 PM
2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG – Chairman
3. ROLL CALL – Secretary

There being 11 members present at 5:00 PM, there was a quorum.

Members Present:

Bernie Bandini
Ed Bryner
Diann Donaldson
George Eckert
William Furlong
Timothy Herd
Frank Kennedy
Cathy Martini
Rik Pankiewicz
Nancy Williamson
Roderick Wilson

Members Absent:

Mark Boyle
Devin DeRienzo
John Habel III
Fred Naccarato

Belle Vernon, California, Coal Center, Fallowfield Township, Fayette City and New Eagle (awaiting member appointments).

Staff Present:

Ashley Seman
Nancy Basile
Aeriel Dochenetz
Stephanie Lee
Michael Perry

Others Present:

Marc Roncone, MV Transportation
James Brown, MV Transportation
Blane Black, Solicitor
Michael Vinsick, Mon Valley Independent

At this time, Chairman Eckert welcomed newly sworn in Board Member, Roderick Wilson, and gave Mr. Wilson an opportunity to say a few words. Mr. Wilson introduced himself as the new representative of Donora and stated that he serves on a finance committee in his professional life and is pleased to bring that experience to

the Authority. He expressed that he is glad to be on the board, looks forward to sharing his experience and learning from the various communities and other members represented, and intends to do his best to help ensure that the Mid Mon Valley Transit remains viable, strong, healthy, and able to grow for the benefit of the communities it serves. He concluded by noting that this is the perspective and contribution he hopes to bring to the table.

4. Chairman Eckert inquired if there were additions or corrections to the July 23, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes? Hearing none, Chairman Eckert asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2026, Board Meeting. Mr. Bryner made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Martini seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. PUBLIC FORUM – None.
6. REPORT FROM THE CARRIER – MV Transportation, Inc., Marc Roncone
 - a. Mr. Roncone reported on Average On-Time Performance for the month of July 2026 as follows: Average On-Time Performance was 94.00% with an average of 94.00% for 2026.
 - b. Mr. Roncone reported on fixed route service for the month of July 2026 as follows: Actual Vehicle Miles were 73,216.00; Revenue Vehicle miles were 58,791.00; Actual Vehicle Hours were 4,213.99; and Revenue Vehicle Hours were 3,585.82.
 - c. Mr. Roncone also reported for July 2026: 0 incidents without injury; 1 incident with injury; 1 accident without injury; and 0 accidents with injury. Mr. Roncone stated that for July 2026 there were 0 security issues; 3 valid complaints; and 0 compliments.
 - d. Mr. Roncone also informed the Board that in July 2026 there were 7 road calls; 10,459.00 miles between road failures; 9 major mechanical failures; and 12 other mechanical failures.
 - e. Mr. Roncone provided an update on maintenance performance in July 2026 stating that there were no overdue class preventative maintenances or individual preventative maintenances.
 - f. Mr. Wilson reported that the gas company frequently closes streets in Donora without prior notification to Borough officials, including Council, creating uncertainty for transit operations in the downtown area. He recommended that, during unexpected closures, MMVTA use the police station and/or post office as default pickup locations when appropriate. Mr. Wilson also reported that Donora's 125th Anniversary celebration will be held on September 11 at 10:00 a.m. at the park and is open to the public. A parade is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, with multiple downtown street closures. McKean Avenue is expected to be closed throughout the day, with additional closures on Third and Fifth Streets at various times. Mr. Wilson will obtain the specific times and locations of the closures and provide the information to the Executive Director so MMVTA drivers can be advised of appropriate routing and pick-up locations.

- g. See **Attachment I.6** for further details, provided in the agenda packet.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a. Chairman Eckert passed on praise to Mrs. Seman and Ms. Dochenetz from the Shop Through the Arts event team for coordinating the rerouting of buses during the Main Street Road closure.
- b. Chairman Eckert announced that Board Training has been postponed until the March 25, 2027, Board of Directors Meeting.
- c. Chairman Eckert also noted that the Monongahela Halloween Parade will take place on October 28, 2026.

At this time, Chairman Eckert gave the floor to Ms. Basile who spoke about an MMVTA initiative to change public transit state operating local match requirements. Ms. Basile encouraged everyone to write to or speak with State Legislators about the need to revise local operating match requirements in Title 74, Section 1513(d) for transit agencies formed and funded by counties and municipalities, with consideration given to community size, economic capacity and fiscal distress. Ms. Basile noted that this could be achieved by reduction in local funds required each year; expanding eligible local match sources beyond counties and municipalities, to include any non-state and non-federal funds that are secured at the local level; and allowing capital and operating local match to be used interchangeable to provide greater financial flexibility.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. Mr. Herd reported that the Finance Management Committee was sent a finance report to review the bills contained in the agenda packet under **Attachment I.8.a.**
 - i. Mr. Herd reported that the total bills for August amounted to \$523,251.95 in Operating Expenses.
 - ii. Mr. Herd reported that the Capital Expenditures for the month of August were:
 - 1. \$2,700.00 payable to DC Electric for Bus Facility Lighting & Photo Eye (Federal, State & Local Funds).
 - 2. \$133,735.33 payable to Genfare for Farebox Spare Parts (Federal, State & Local Funds).
 - 3. \$5,931.45 payable to Genfare for 2026-2027 Warranty (Federal, State & Local Funds).
 - 4. \$1,450.00 payable to Desak's Plumbing & Electric for Bus Facility Bathroom Repairs (Federal, State & Local Funds).
 - 5. \$7,650.24 payable to Michael Baker International for Route Study Project – Payment #15 (Federal & Local Funds).
 - iii. Mr. Herd made a motion to accept August's Finance Report and approve payment of the same. Chairman Eckert called for a vote, and all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.
- b. Mr. Herd stated that the Capital Projects list follows the Finance Report and is found in **Attachment I.8.b** of the agenda packet for review.

- i. Mrs. Lee updated the Board on the current Capital Projects:
 - 1. Mrs. Lee provided an update on the System-Wide Study, reporting that the MMVTA met with Michael Baker International to review the latest route study edits. Michael Baker plans to present the updates at the September Boarding Meeting, with the study expected to go out for public comment in October.
 - 2. Mrs. Lee noted that last year, the Board approved the purchase of eight 35-foot buses and that the pre-production meeting was held on August 21, 2026, and the MMVTA is waiting for final documents before production begins. The buses are expected to arrive in Spring 2027.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance Management – Vacant, Committee Chair – No report.
- b. Human Resources – Cathy Martini, Committee Chair – No report.
- c. Planning & Steering Committee – Timothy Herd, Committee Chair – No report.
- d. Safety & Security – Ed Bryner, Committee Chair – No report.
- e. By-Laws – William Furlong, Committee Chair
 - i. Mr. Furlong announced that the By-Laws Committee met on August 10, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the Transit Center to review and discuss the By-Laws. He advised that another meeting will be scheduled within the next couple of weeks and encouraged all Board members to attend and participate in the continued discussion.

10. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

- a. Executive Director
 - i. Mrs. Seman advised the Board that the Authority continues to focus on strengthening partnerships throughout the region. She reported that MMVTA has a meeting scheduled with PennWest University to discuss potential funding and partnership opportunities. Mrs. Seman also announced that she will be reaching out to Penn Highlands Healthcare to have a similar discussion and keep them informed as the Authority continues its efforts to expand regional partnerships.
 - ii. Mrs. Seman welcomed Mr. Wilson, the new Donora representative, to the Board and noted that she and Mr. Wilson met for an introductory meeting on August 23, 2026.
 - iii. Mrs. Seman noted that there are currently vacancies on the Board and that the Authority will continue working with participating municipalities to encourage appointments and ensure appropriate representation. The vacancies include Belle Vernon Borough, California Borough, Fallowfield Township and New Eagle Borough.

b. Marketing

- i. Ms. Dochenetz announced that the Cal Commuter and Vulcan Flyer routes began service on August 22, 2026.
- ii. Ms. Dochenetz shared that MMVTA will participate in the Resource Fair at CareerLink in Charleroi on September 11, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- iii. Ms. Dochenetz noted that there will be no bus service and administrative offices will be closed on September 7, 2026, in observance of Labor Day.

c. Operations

- i. Mrs. Lee reported that the shelter painting project includes a total of 24 shelters throughout the communities. To date, 20 shelters have been completed, with four shelters remaining to be painted.
- ii. Mrs. Lee announced that a survey was distributed to Marion Villa residents to gather feedback regarding a potential new route. MMVTA received a 24% response rate, with residents expressing enthusiasm about the possibility of bus service. The survey will close on September 1, 2026.
- iii. Mrs. Lee shared that on August 3, 2026, she, Mrs. Seman, and Ms. Basile met with Penn Highlands Healthcare regarding the system-wide study. She reported that Penn Highlands Healthcare is excited about the possibility of MMVTA service to the HealthPlex in Rostraver Township and has approved the location as a designated bus stop.
- iv. Mrs. Lee noted that she attended the PPTA Summer Conference, where PennDOT provided updates on upcoming policies and procedures. She also had the opportunity to learn about a DEP initiative to develop mobile energy plants at transit centers. A study is currently underway, with completion expected in June 2027.
- v. Mrs. Lee stated that on August 19, 2026, she met with PennDOT to kick off a new preventative maintenance review of MMVTA facility assets. PennDOT will conduct an on-site review on September 17, 2026, with the final review scheduled for October 21, 2026. The goal of the review is to ensure that MMVTA assets are properly maintained and remain in good repair.

d. Funding Update

- i. Ms. Basile provided the following funding updates:
 - 1. In July and August, the MMVTA received a total of \$9,340.00 in CNG RIN Value Revenue.
 - 2. The MMVTA received final approval of their state and federal operating grants.
 - 3. On August 5, 2026, Mrs. Seman and herself met with the Director and Assistant Director of Financial Administration for Westmoreland County to discuss MMVTA's 2027 local match request. Also in attendance were two Chief of Staff of

the county commissioners. MMVTA provided an overview of its current local match situation and the challenges being faced. Both were understanding of the circumstances and receptive to the concerns and requested support.

4. MMVTA's local match request to Washington County for 2027 was sent on August 21, 2026, and is the same amount requested to Westmoreland County last month.
5. MMVTA may be participating in a PennDOT-sponsored, statewide discretionary grant application to secure "low-no" funds for upcoming bus purchases. Ms. Basile stated she will keep the Board updated as new information becomes available.
6. On September 15, 2026, the FTA will be conducting a Drug & Alcohol compliance audit on-site. Ms. Basile notes that periodically, the FTA will conduct regulatory audits of transit properties to ensure compliance with their programs.

11. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

- a. Mr. Pankiewicz read a letter from Donora Borough regarding the appointment of Mr. Roderick Wilson to the MMVTA Board of Directors.
- b. Mr. Pankiewicz read a thank-you card from the organizers of the Shop Through the Arts event in Monongahela, expressing their appreciation to MMVTA for accommodating the detour implemented during the event.

12. OLD BUSINESS – None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Member Community Updates – None

14. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Chairman Eckert asked if there were any further business to discuss? There being none, Chairman Eckert asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Furlong made the motion. Mrs. Donaldson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

REMINDER:

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026, AT 5:00 PM

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS APPRECIATED!