

**MID MON VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
1300 MCKEAN AVE  
CHARLEROI, PA 15022  
December 18, 2025  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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

There being 16 members present at 5:00 PM, there was a quorum.

**Members Present:**

Bernie Bandini  
Mark Boyle  
Ed Bryner  
Devin DeRienzo  
Diann Donaldson  
George Eckert  
Fred Exley  
William Furlong – Teams  
John Habel III – Teams  
Timothy Herd  
Frank Kennedy  
Cathy Martini  
Fred Naccarato  
Scott Nedrow  
Rik Pankiewicz  
Nancy Williamson

**Members Absent:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Ashley Seman  
Nancy Basile  
Ariel Dochenetz  
Stephanie Lee  
Michael Perry

**Others Present:**

Marc Roncone, MV Transportation  
Blane Black, Solicitor

4. Chairman Eckert inquired if there were additions or corrections to the November 20, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes? Hearing none, Chairman Eckert asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2025, Board Meeting. Mr.

Bryner made the motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Donaldson 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 November 2025 as follows: Average On-Time Performance was 92.00% with an average of 94.00% for 2025.
- b. Mr. Roncone reported on fixed route service for the month of November 2025 as follows: Actual Vehicle Miles were 73,560.00; Revenue Vehicle miles were 62,463.00; Actual Vehicle Hours were 4,219.08; and the Revenue Vehicle Hours were 3,742.49.
- c. Mr. Roncone also reported in November there were 7 incidents without injury; 1 incident with injury; 2 accidents without injury; and 0 accidents with injury. Mr. Roncone stated that in November there were 0 security issues; 2 valid complaints; and 1 compliment.
- d. Mr. Roncone also informed the Board that in November there were 10 road calls; 7,356.00 miles between road failures; 11 major mechanical failures; and 12 other mechanical failures.
- e. Mr. Roncone provided an update on maintenance performance in November, stating that there were no overdue class preventative maintenances or individual preventative maintenances.
- f. See **Attachment I.6** for further details, provided in the agenda packet.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a. Chairman Eckert recognized Fred Naccarato and Tim Herd for their long-standing dedication to the MMVTA and the communities they serve, honoring Fred Naccarato for 35 years of service and Tim Herd for 5 years of service.
- b. Chairman Eckert noted that the MMVTA will be contacting Board Members to obtain updated council meeting dates, locations, and start times to ensure accurate schedules for municipal outreach and improved communication with local leaders. He also stated that Board Members may provide this updated information directly to Mr. Perry.
- c. Chairman Eckert expanded on funding concerns and local support by providing an update from a recent meeting with PennDOT, which indicated that MMVTA's funding will increase. This is positive news and will help the Authority maintain current service levels. He also noted that, despite this increase, significant concerns remain regarding Local Match funding, as state and federal funds require local participation. MMVTA continues to rely heavily on contributions from county and municipal partners, and without stable and sufficient local support, the Authority's ability to fully leverage increased funding is limited. As a result, there will be an increase in Local Match requirements for FY 2027. Over the next several months, MMVTA staff will review the updated PennDOT figures, revise financial

projections, and continue discussions with county and municipal partners to emphasize the importance of local funding and its impact on service.

- i. Chairman Eckert noted that Mrs. Donaldson, Mr. Nedrow, and himself will be attending community council meetings to discuss the upcoming Local Match increases. He also noted that Mrs. Donaldson, Mr. Nedrow, and himself have already attended the North Belle Vernon meeting to discuss financial matters.
  - ii. Chairman Eckert also noted that he spoke with the main representative from Pennsylvania State Representative Eric Devanzo's office regarding the state budget and the lack of increased funding for smaller agencies. He stated that the representative will speak with Rep. Devanzo, who will then reach out to the MMVTA to discuss the matter.
- d. Chairman Eckert announced that, to raise public awareness, the MMVTA will prepare and submit a Letter to the Editor to regional newspapers. This message will highlight the need for community and county support and emphasize the importance of sustaining public transit in the Mid Mon Valley.

## 8. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. Mr. DeRienzo 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. DeRienzo reported that the total bills for December amounted to \$391,514.40 in Operating Expenses.
  - ii. Mr. DeRienzo reported that the Capital Expenditures for the month of December were:
    1. \$7,970.00 payable to Highway Appliance for Transit Center Furniture (State & Local Funds).
    2. \$2,790.16 payable to Scherer Lock & Supply for Transit Center Doors (State & Local Funds).
    3. \$8,356.50 payable to Michael Baker International for Route Study Project – Payment #7 (Federal & Capital Funds).
    4. \$3,441.00 payable to David Davis Communications for 50% down on Transit Center Camera Set-Up (State & Local Funds).
    5. \$296.09 payable to Fastenal Company for Farebox Probing Reel (Federal, State & Local Funds).
    6. \$1,186.40 payable to David Davis Communications for IT Equipment & Installation (State & Local Funds).
    7. \$312.00 payable to David Davis Communication for Transit Center Phone Parts & Install (State & Local Funds).
    8. \$10,170.00 payable to McGrew Construction for Maintenance Facility Fence Security Project – Final Payment (Federal, State & Local Funds).

- iii. Mr. DeRienzo made a motion to accept December's Finance Report and approve payment of the same. Mr. Naccarato seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - b. Mr. DeRienzo 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 reported on the Farebox System, noting that Phase 3, Mobile Ticketing, had been postponed until after the holidays. MMVTA will conduct a soft launch on January 5, 2026, and release the system to the public on January 12, 2026. This approach allows MMVTA to ensure all functions are operating properly before the public announcement.
      - 2. Mrs. Lee stated that the Maintenance Facility Security Fence and Gate Project is complete, with the gates becoming operational on December 12, 2025.
      - 3. Mrs. Lee provided updates on the System-Wide Study as follows:
        - a. A Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting was held on December 3, 2025, with 12 attendees.
        - b. Public workshops were conducted on December 9, 2025, at the Monongahela Fire Hall and the Charleroi Transit Center, and on December 10, 2025, at Rostraver Walmart.
        - c. Michael Baker International met with bus operators on December 10, 2025.
        - d. 87 route study surveys have been conducted.

## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance Management – Scott Nedrow, Committee Chair
  - i. Mr. Nedrow provided an update on the Finance Management Committee meeting held on December 8, 2025, at 5:00 PM, noting that systemic financial issues and Local Match increases were discussed.
- 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 – No report.

## 10. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

- a. Executive Director
  - i. Mrs. Seman stated that MMVTA will continue its momentum into 2026 and expressed gratitude to everyone for their generous donations to the Bridge-to-Home Giving Tree, which was set up in the Transit Center lobby.
- b. Marketing

- i. Mrs. Dochenetz announced that there will be no bus service and administrative offices will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25, 2025, and New Year's Day, January 1, 2026. She also noted that buses will operate on reduced schedules on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025, and New Year's Eve, December 31, 2025.
    - ii. Mrs. Dochenetz announced that Cal Commuter and Vulcan Flyer will be on winter break from December 12, 2025, through January 18, 2026.
    - iii. Mrs. Dochenetz announced that the Transit Center will be closed on January 19, 2026, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, while bus service will operate on its normal schedule.
  - c. Operations – No report.

#### 11. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

- a. Mr. Naccarato read a letter of resignation to the MMVTA Board of Directors from Mrs. Bloom, the representative of California Borough.
- b. Mr. Naccarato reminded the Board that, as part of MMVTA's annual process, 2025 Board Member Attendance Letters will be prepared and distributed to each community and representative, outlining attendance records for the past year.

#### 12. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Mr. Nedrow suggested allocating additional funds to marketing and advertising to expand rider outreach.

#### 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. Naccarato made the motion. Mr. Bryner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

### **REMINDER:**

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR:

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026, AT 5:00 PM**

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS APPRECIATED!