

MID MON VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
1300 MCKEAN AVE
CHARLEROI, PA 15022
January 22, 2026
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Directly prior to the Call to Order, the following Board Members were sworn in by Speers Mayor Timothy Herd to begin their terms of office: Fred Naccarato (City of Monessen); Nancy Williamson (Allenport Borough); and Fred Exley (Belle Vernon Borough).

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

There being 14 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
John Habel III
Timothy Herd
Cathy Martini
Fred Naccarato
Scott Nedrow
Rik Pankiewicz
Nancy Williamson

Members Absent:

William Furlong
Frank Kennedy

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

Staff Present:

Ashley Seman
Nancy Basile
Aeriel Dochenetz
Stephanie Lee
Michael Perry

Others Present:

Marc Roncone, MV Transportation
Blane Black, Solicitor

At this time, Chairman Eckert introduced the MMVTA's Auditor, Mr. Mark Turnley, who presented the FY 2024–2025 audit to the Board. Mr. Turnley reviewed the audited financial statements and related letters of discussion.

Chairman Eckert thanked Mr. Turnley for presenting the Audit and asked for a motion to approve the Audited Financial Statements for FY 2024-2025. Mr. Bryner made the motion. Mr. Pankiewicz seconded. Motion carried. A complete copy of the audited financial statement is available for inspection in the Authority office.

4. Chairman Eckert inquired if there were additions or corrections to the December 18, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes? Hearing none, Chairman Eckert asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2025, Board Meeting. Mr. Naccarato 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 December 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 December 2025 as follows: Actual Vehicle Miles were 75,538.00; Revenue Vehicle miles were 62,031.00; Actual Vehicle Hours were 4,401.06; and the Revenue Vehicle Hours were 3,818.54.
 - c. Mr. Roncone also reported in December there were 2 incidents without injury; 3 incidents with injury; 2 accidents without injury; and 0 accidents with injury. Mr. Roncone stated that in December there were 0 security issues; 3 valid complaints; and 1 compliment.
 - d. Mr. Roncone also informed the Board that in December there were 3 road calls; 25,179.00 miles between road failures; 10 major mechanical failures; and 18 other mechanical failures.
 - e. Mr. Roncone provided an update on maintenance performance in December, 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 reported that MMVTA is continuing outreach efforts to ensure counties and communities are aware that the Local Match requirement will increase beginning in FY 2027. He noted that he attended the most recent Tri-County Boroughs meeting, where he addressed the communities directly, and encouraged all Board Members to speak with their respective municipalities about the importance of continued local support.

- b. Chairman Eckert encouraged Board Members to become more involved by joining committees and advised that anyone interested in serving on or chairing a committee should inform him.

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 January amounted to \$515,796.77 in Operating Expenses.
 - ii. Mr. DeRienzo reported that the Capital Expenditures for the month of January were:
 1. \$14,640.38 payable to Uline for Transit Center Furniture (State & Local Funds).
 2. \$6,250.00 payable to David Davis Communications for Balance Due on Transit Center Computers (State & Local Funds).
 3. \$14,449.20 payable to Michael Baker International for Route Study Project – Payment #8 (Federal & Local Funds).
 4. \$1,960 payable to Shannon Selinsky for Furniture Installation (State & Local Funds).
 5. \$11,115.53 payable to AVAIL Technologies for Branded Mobile application (Federal, State & Local Funds).
 - iii. Mr. DeRienzo made a motion to accept January's Finance Report and approve payment of the same. Mr. Herd 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, stating that the final phase of fare collection, Phase 3 Mobile Ticketing, launched on January 16, 2026, bringing the Farebox project near completion. MMVTA is continuing to work with Genfare and AVAIL to confirm that all data is transferring correctly between systems and that the information received is accurate.
 2. Mrs. Lee stated that the System-Wide Study Survey has been extended and will now close on January 30, 2026. MMVTA has received approximately 107 completed surveys to date and is making one final outreach effort to communities to encourage additional responses.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance Management – Scott Nedrow, Committee Chair
 - i. Mr. Nedrow referred the Board to **Attachment I.9.a.i** of the agenda packet and reviewed the approximately 181% increase in

the municipalities' local operating match commitments for FY 2026–2027. He directed attention to the first column of the attachment, which reflects the current fiscal year's community support with the 50% reduction that has been in effect since 2022, followed by the column showing community support levels without the 50% reduction. Mr. Nedrow then referenced the column highlighted in yellow, which presents the proposed community support for FY 2026–2027. Mr. Nedrow then informed the Board that the MMVTA will be sending letters to each municipality in the coming days regarding the FY 2026–2027 local match increases and asked if any Board members had questions.

1. Ms. Williamson inquired why Allenport Borough's local match contribution was significantly higher than that of other communities. Ms. Basile explained that the contribution is calculated based on mileage and ridership within each municipality, noted that the methodology needs to be reevaluated, and stated that it will be reviewed as part of the current System-Wide Route Study. Ms. Williamson then voiced her concern that smaller municipalities such as Allenport Borough are going to have trouble with paying the increased FY 2026-2027 Local Match Contribution amount.
 - a. Mr. DeRienzo also voiced his concerns that larger municipalities such as Rostraver Township are going to have trouble with paying the increased FY 2026-2027 Local Match Contribution amount as well.
 - i. Mrs. Basile explained that the MMVTA would not qualify to receive 80% of its funding if the required Local Match Contributions are not received and that, as a result, the MMVTA would be required to operate closed-door service through municipalities that do not remit their Local Match Contributions. She further stated that the MMVTA will continue to communicate with municipalities regarding any changes to their Local Match Contribution amounts.
 - ii. Mr. Nedrow stated that Local Match Commitment Resolutions for the upcoming fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2026, will be mailed to all member communities in the next few days and emphasized that it is imperative for the MMVTA to receive the signed resolutions by April so they may be submitted with the upcoming State Operating Grant, with funds due by June 30, 2027.
- 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 reported that the Donora Garage is no longer operating as a sales outlet or Park-N-Ride location due to recent facility changes affecting public access and customer convenience. She explained that a completed fencing project enclosed additional parking lot area, eliminating the Park-N-Ride space and enhancing overall site security. As a result, access to the property is now limited to approved personnel, restricting walk-in access for fare sales. Mrs. Seman added that MMVTA staff will continue to evaluate customer-friendly alternatives for sales outlet services.
 - ii. Mrs. Seman confirmed that the Washington County 2026 Budget does include \$25,000 for the MMVTA.
 - iii. Mrs. Seman announced that on February 19, 2026, the MMVTA will be attending the Washington County Chamber of Commerce Member Forum focused on the Economic Forecast.
- b. Marketing
 - i. Mrs. Dochenetz announced that MV Transportation will be providing a bus for a special education bus tour at Monessen Middle & High School on January 26, 2026. She stated that the tour will give students an opportunity to become familiar with the buses in preparation for their future transportation needs.
- c. Operations
 - i. Mrs. Lee reported that at this month's safety meeting, the TSA was onsite to provide de-escalation and active shooter training. She added that the MMVTA will continue its partnership with the TSA and, at the end of April 2026, will meet with TSA representatives to address questions as they complete a full security assessment of MMVTA facilities at no additional cost.
 - ii. Mrs. Lee reported that PennDOT was onsite on January 20 and again on January 22 to conduct facility assessments at all properties. She stated that PennDOT expressed satisfaction with the overall condition and maintenance of the facilities, and that the MMVTA will receive the final assessment results in Spring 2026.

11. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

- a. Mr. Naccarato reminded the Board that the 2025 Statements of Financial Interest are due to the MMVTA prior to May 1, 2026.
- b. Mr. Naccarato advised the Board that updated contact information forms have been distributed to each Board member and should be completed and returned to the MMVTA.

12. OLD BUSINESS – None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. Member Community Updates

- i. Mr. Bryner advised that the next Charleroi Borough Council meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM and confirmed that the MMVTA is included on the agenda.
- ii. Mr. Nedrow raised the possibility of bringing a finance intern into the MMVTA. Mrs. Donaldson expressed her disagreement with the current state of finances.

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. Bryner made the motion. Mr. Exley seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

REMINDER:

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026, AT 5:00 PM

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS APPRECIATED!