

MID MON VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
1300 MCKEAN AVE
CHARLEROI, PA 15022
May 28, 2026
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

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

Members Present:

Ed Bryner
Devin DeRienzo
Diann Donaldson
George Eckert
William Furlong
John Habel III – Teams
Timothy Herd
Frank Kennedy
Cathy Martini
Rik Pankiewicz
Nancy Williamson

Members Absent:

Bernie Bandini
Mark Boyle
Fred Exley
Fred Naccarato

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

Staff Present:

Ashley Seman
Nancy Basile
Aerial Dochenetz
Stephanie Lee
Michael Perry

Others Present:

Marc Roncone, MV Transportation
James Brown, MV Transportation
Blane Black, Solicitor

At this time, Mrs. Seman introduced Justin Miller and Stephanie Kambic of Michael Baker International, who provided an update on the Mid Mon Moves Draft Bus Network and proposed transit route changes.

4. Chairman Eckert inquired if there were additions or corrections to the April 23, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes? Hearing none, Chairman Eckert asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 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 April 2026 as follows: Average On-Time Performance was 95.00% with an average of 95.00% for 2026.
- b. Mr. Roncone reported on fixed route service for the month of April 2026 as follows: Actual Vehicle Miles were 80,427.00; Revenue Vehicle miles were 67,645.00; Actual Vehicle Hours were 4,650.12; and Revenue Vehicle Hours were 4,103.92.
- c. Mr. Roncone also reported for April 2026: 2 incidents without injury; 0 incidents with injury; 4 accidents without injury; and 0 accidents with injury. Mr. Roncone stated that for April 2026 there were 2 security issues; 2 valid complaints; and 1 compliment.
- d. Mr. Roncone also informed the Board that in April 2026 there were 3 road calls; 26,809.00 miles between road failures; 8 major mechanical failures; and 8 other mechanical failures.
- e. Mr. Roncone provided an update on maintenance performance in April 2026 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 Mrs. Donaldson for her five years of service on the MMVTA Board of Directors and expressed his appreciation for her contributions and dedication to the organization.
- b. Chairman Eckert reminded the Board that there will be a Reorganizational Meeting held on June 25, 2026, immediately prior to or following the Regular Monthly Board of Directors Meeting.

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 May amounted to \$533,544.99 in Operating Expenses.
 - ii. Mr. DeRienzo reported that the Capital Expenditures for the month of May were:
 1. \$7,450.00 payable to McGrew Construction for Transit Center Windows & Counters (State & Local Funds).
 2. \$11,954.45 payable to Michael Baker International for Route Study Project – payment #12 (Federal & Local Funds).

- iii. Mr. DeRienzo made a motion to accept May's Finance Report and approve payment of the same. Mr. Furlong seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - iv. Mr. DeRienzo referred the Board to **Attachment I.8.a.i** and reported that bids for Independent Auditing Services were due to the Authority on May 22, 2026. Three responsive bids were received. He further noted that the bid prices were averaged over a five-year period. The results were as follows:
 - 1. Mark C. Turnley - \$17,850.00
 - 2. Mahar Duessel - \$23,840.00
 - 3. HBK CPAS & Consultants - \$40,500.00
 - v. Mr. DeRienzo made a motion to award the contract for Auditing Services to Mark C. Turnley contingent upon full execution of the contract by both parties. Mr. Bryner 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 the McGrew Construction has begun repairs and the installation of new plexiglass in the Transit Center tower.
 - 2. Mrs. Lee reported on the Pavement Project at the Donora Facility stating that El Grande began the project on May 26, 2026, with a projected completion date of June 9, 2026, weather permitting.
 - a. Mrs. Seman reported that a new sinkhole was discovered near the site of the previous sinkhole. The Borough of Donora, project managers, engineers, and PennDOT are coordinating inspections to determine the extent of the damage and identify any additional subsurface issues. Milling and paving work in the affected area has been placed on hold pending further evaluation, while work will continue in unaffected areas. A meeting was scheduled to review findings and determine next steps.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance Management – Vacant, Committee Chair – No report.

At this time, Chairman Eckert called for an executive session to discuss personnel matters. The executive session started at 5:57 PM and ended at 6:38 PM.

- b. Human Resources – Cathy Martini, Committee Chair
 - i. Ms. Martini reported on the Human Resources Committee meeting held on May 5, 2026, and advised the Board that the

Committee has no recommendation for staff salary increases at this time. Ms. Martini requested that a joint meeting of the Finance Management Committee and Human Resources Committee be held on June 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the Transit Center.

- c. Planning & Steering Committee – Timothy Herd, Committee Chair
 - i. Mr. Herd reported on the Planning & Steering Committee meeting held on May 19, 2026, and advised the Board that Mrs. Lee went through draft proposed routes which were developed by Michael Baker International as part of the Systemwide Study.
 - ii. Mr. Herd stated he entertained a discussion regarding ideas on how to promote bus service and increase ridership. A few ideas are as follows:
 - 1. Approach local businesses regarding contributions in exchange for tickets or passes for their customers and/or employees.
 - 2. Bringing a bus to the Farmer’s Market and allow participants to sit on-board to rest or cool-off.
 - 3. Media blitzes to promote riding the bus and avoid high gas prices.
 - iii. Mr. Herd stated the committee also discussed receipt of communications from Allenport Borough regarding their non-participation in the upcoming fiscal year and attempts to secure a resolution from the Borough of North Charleroi.
 - iv. Mr. Herd stated other discussions were:
 - 1. Recognizing drivers for significant achievements such as safe driving or having numerous customer accommodations.
 - 2. Questions as to how reassigning drivers is handled when a driver calls off.
 - 3. The potential for using an automated phone system.
 - 4. The committee does not feel a need for an in-house advertising representative.
- d. Safety & Security – Ed Bryner, Committee Chair
 - i. Mr. Bryner urged caution when crossing Fallowfield Avenue and McKean Avenue at the Transit Center, as vehicles seem to speed through the area.
- e. By-Laws – William Furlong, Committee Chair
 - i. Mr. Furlong requested that copies of the current By-Laws and the list of Committee Members be distributed to the Board for review. He also advised that a By-Laws Committee meeting will be scheduled soon.

10. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

- a. Executive Director – No report.
- b. Marketing
 - i. Ms. Basile reported that National Transportation Week, held from May 11-17, 2026, was a success. During the event, drivers had

- the opportunity to distribute promotional items to riders, and they are already looking forward to participating again next year.
- ii. Ms. Basile noted that the Transit Center and Administrative Office will be closed on June 19, 2026, in observance of Juneteenth.
 - iii. Ms. Basile reported that the MMVTA has begun participating in PennWest University's New Student Orientation events by hosting an information table to engage with incoming students and provide transit information.
 - iv. Ms. Basile reported that the MMVTA participated in Ringgold Middle School's Career Day on May 18, 2026. As part of the event, MMVTA & MV Transportation provided students with a guided bus tour and hosted an informational table, offering an opportunity to learn about public transit services and careers in the transportation industry, including the driver experience.
- c. Operations
- i. Mrs. Lee announced that MV Transportation and herself completed the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) BASE Program assessment, a free voluntary security review for transit agencies. The assessment covered employee training, cybersecurity, physical security and emergency preparedness. TSA stated the MMVTA already has a robust plan in place and will provide recommendations within approximately 90 days to further strengthen security efforts. They will also provide a useful security template to help organize required documentation.
- d. Funding Update
- i. Ms. Basile noted that in May, the MMVTA received \$4,940.00 in CNG RIN Value Revenue, and that all required grants have been filed for this upcoming year.
 - ii. Ms. Basile then provided updates regarding local match commitments for the upcoming fiscal year:
 - 1. Mrs. Seman attended North Charleroi's working session on May 12, 2026, and although the borough held their council meeting the previous week, they did not include the local match resolution on their agenda for consideration. Mrs. Seman also sent North Charleroi follow-up communication with additional information and again, asked for their consideration.
 - 2. Ms. Basile announced to the Board that Allenport Borough sent communication to the MMVTA indicating that, at their monthly meeting on May 6, 2026, Council approved a motion to not participate with the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority for the fiscal year 2026-2027.
 - 3. Ms. Basile noted that without receipt of these remaining resolutions, we could lose \$245,922.00 in state operating funds for the upcoming fiscal year.

4. Ms. Basile updated the Board that Mrs. Seman, Mrs. Lee and herself had an online meeting with PennDOT to discuss the issue with Local Match and requested their consideration of alternatives so that the MMVTA does not lose state operating funds. Anthony Stever, who is the Chief of the Operating Program Division of the Bureau of Public Transportation, indicated that he is aware of the situation and is confident that other arrangements can be made and no funding will be lost. Mr. Stever indicated that PennDOT will approve MMVTA's operating grant as is, with no loss of funds. Ms. Basile also noted that under "Old Business" on the Board of Director's Meeting Agenda, that the Board will be asked for approval of a revised state operating resolution since the MMVTA was notified they would be receiving an additional \$29,000.00 this upcoming year.
5. Ms. Basile stated that Mrs. Seman and herself had a positive meeting with Representative Davanzo at his West Newton office and that they made him aware of the MMVTA's Local Match situation and stressed the need for changes to legislation which would assist in reducing the burden on municipalities by revising Local Match requirements.
6. Ms. Basile updated the Board that Mrs. Seman held a roundtable discussion for all the transit properties that transitioned from Urban to Rural due to the results of the 2020 census. Ms. Basile stated it was a productive meeting and will be a great resource if questions arise regarding rural funding and requirements.

11. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

- a. Mr. Pankiewicz read a letter of resignation from Donora Borough's representative, Scott Nedrow.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Chairman Eckert referred the Board to **Attachment I.12.a**, Resolution #2025-26-9, which supersedes Resolution #2025-26-7, approved on April 23, 2026, certifying the Local Match for State Operating Financial Assistance for FY 2026-2027. Chairman Eckert then requested a motion for approval. Mr. Furlong made the motion. Mr. Bryner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Member Community Updates
 - i. Chairman Eckert announced that the 28th Annual Fleatigue on the Mon will be hosted in Monongahela on June 6, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

- ii. Chairman Eckert reminded the Board that the Monongahela Farmer's Market starts Friday, June 5, 2026, and runs every Friday through September 25, 2026, between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM at Chess Park.

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. Kennedy made the motion. Ms. Martini seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

REMINDER:

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR:

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026, AT 5:00 PM

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS APPRECIATED!