

**MID MON VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
1300 MCKEAN AVE  
CHARLEROI, PA 15022  
November 20, 2025  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

At 5:00 PM, directly prior to the Call to Order, Justin Miller, Kirsten Compitello and Matthew Bodnar with Michael Baker gave a presentation on the Systemwide Study.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman – 5:20 PM
2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG – Chairman
3. ROLL CALL – Assistant Secretary

There being 15 members present at 5:20 PM, there was a quorum.

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

Timothy Herd  
Fred Naccarato

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

4. Chairman Eckert inquired if there were additions or corrections to the October 23, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes? Hearing none, Chairman Eckert asked for a

motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2025, 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 October 2025 as follows: Average On-Time Performance was 93.00% with an average of 95.00% for 2025.
- b. Mr. Roncone reported on fixed route service for the month of October 2025 as follows: Actual Vehicle Miles were 84,974; Revenue Vehicle miles were 71,962; Actual Vehicle Hours were 4,892.08; and the Revenue Vehicle Hours were 4,320.33.
- c. Mr. Roncone also reported in October there were 4 incidents without injury; 1 incident with injury; 3 accidents without injury; and 1 accident with injury. Mr. Roncone stated that in October there were 0 security issues; 3 valid complaints; and 2 compliments.
- d. Mr. Roncone also informed the Board that in October there were 8 road calls; 10,622 miles between road failures; 13 major mechanical failures; and 17 other mechanical failures.
- e. Mr. Roncone provided an update on maintenance performance in October, 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 reminded the Board that MMVTA's 2026 Board Meeting dates were distributed at the October 23, 2025, Board of Directors meeting. He asked if there were any comments or proposed changes. Hearing none, Chairman Eckert requested a motion to approve the 2026 Board Meeting dates. Mr. Bryner made the motion to approve. Mr. Furlong seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b. Chairman Eckert expressed appreciation to Marc Roncone and MV Transportation for volunteering at the Donora Food Bank on November 17, 2025. He noted that MMVTA received a nice thank-you letter from Ms. Mary Anne Bandalo on behalf of the Mon Valley Youth and Teen Association.

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 November amounted to \$772,221.01 in Operating Expenses.

- ii. Mr. DeRienzo reported that the Capital Expenditures for the month of November were:
  - 1. \$11,337.17 payable to Michael Baker International for Route Study Project – Payment #6 (Federal & Capital Funds)
  - 2. \$13,182.00 payable to Genfare for Farebox System Training (Federal, State & Local Funds)
  - 3. \$11,833.00 payable to McGrew Construction for Maintenance Facility Camera (Federal, State & Local Funds)
  - 4. \$9,844.85 payable to National Business Furniture for Transit Center Office Furniture (State & Local Funds)
  - 5. \$7,092.38 payable to Wayfair for Transit Center Office Furniture (State & Local Funds)
  - 6. \$13,015.00 payable to David Davis Communications for IT Equipment & Installation (State & Local Funds)
- iii. Mr. DeRienzo made a motion to accept November’s Finance Report and approve payment of the same. Mr. Pankiewicz 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 that Phase 3 of the Farebox System Project, Mobile Ticketing, soft launched on November 18, 2025. She explained that this approach allowed the MMVTA to verify that all systems were functioning properly before making a public announcement.
    - 2. Mrs. Lee reported that training for the security gates and cameras under the Maintenance Facility Security Fence & Gate Project has been completed. She added that a few programming tasks are still being finished, and once they are finalized, she will conduct a final inspection and notify the Donora Police and Fire Departments about the new gates and the date they will be fully activated.
    - 3. Mrs. Lee informed the Board that the next Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting for the System-Wide Study is scheduled for December 3, 2025, at 10:00 AM.
      - a. Mrs. Lee also advised the Board of the following dates and asked them to inform their communities about upcoming Public Workshops. These open-house-style sessions will feature maps and interactive opportunities for riders to provide input and feedback. The workshops will be held on December 9, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Monongahela Firehall, and from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM at the Charleroi Transit Center.
      - b. Mrs. Lee stated that a Pop-Up Outreach event, designed to engage riders from hard-to-reach

demographics by bringing outreach to locations they already frequent, will be held on December 10, 2025, at the Rostraver Walmart from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

4. Mrs. Lee informed the Board that El Grande has requested an extension for the Paving Project at the Donora Bus Yard, with paving now expected to begin in April 2026. She added that El Grande plans to be on-site on November 20, 2025, to mill and pave the sinkhole patch areas to prevent any issues during the winter.
5. Mrs. Lee noted that the Office Equipment & Furniture Project is underway, with quotes currently being obtained and necessary materials being ordered.
6. Mrs. Lee announced that the Speers Project has been postponed for the time being.

## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance Management – Scott Nedrow, Committee Chair
  - i. Mr. Nedrow announced that there will be a Finance Management Committee meeting on December 8, 2025, at 5:00 PM.
- b. Human Resources – Cathy Martini, Committee Chair – No report.
- c. Planning & Steering Committee – Timothy Herd, Committee Chair
  - i. Mr. Pankiewicz gave an update on the Planning & Steering Committee meeting held on November 17, 2025, at 5:00 PM. Mr. Pankiewicz stated that the committee engaged in several discussions as follows:
    1. A partnership with PennWest University includes liaison roles. Currently, California Borough's representative to the MMVTA Board and PennWest student, Ms. Bloom, serves as the PennWest liaison.
    2. Mrs. Lee highlighted upcoming pop-up events and public meetings related to the System-Wide Study and discussed strategies for increasing public awareness. The Board also discussed ways to boost member involvement, including:
      - a. Mrs. Donaldson shared that she includes bus schedules in each client's intake folder to ensure they are aware of available transportation services.
      - b. Mr. Nedrow suggested attending council meetings periodically to keep local communities informed about transit matters.
      - c. Ms. Basile recommended distributing informational materials along with the Board Meeting minutes sent to each board member, which could then be shared with their communities.
    3. An update was provided on the status of the State Budget and related funding.

4. The Board discussed the Speers Intermodal Facility project, which has been placed on hold.
  5. There was also discussion encouraging Board members who are not currently serving on a committee to consider joining one.
  6. The meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM
- d. Safety & Security – Ed Bryner, Committee Chair
    - i. Mr. Bryner reported that repairs to the hole on McKean Avenue in Charleroi will begin on December 1, 2025.
  - e. By-Laws – William Furlong, Committee Chair – No report.

## 10. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

- a. Executive Director
  - i. Mrs. Seman updated the Board that the FY 2025-2026 Pennsylvania Budget was officially passed and signed by Governor Shapiro on November 12, 2025, ending a 135-day impasse. Unfortunately, the final budget did not include the proposed \$292 million increase for statewide public transit funding, which would have provided MMVTA with approximately \$953,000 in additional state operating assistance. On the positive side, Mrs. Seman noted that MMVTA will maintain its current state funding levels with no reductions, though rising operations and maintenance costs will continue to limit financial flexibility moving forward.
  - ii. Mrs. Seman stated that the next steps include holding a Finance Committee meeting to review MMVTA's financial position in detail, including projections, reserves, and contingency options for FY 2026. Staff will also continue to monitor potential supplemental funding opportunities through PennDOT and federal programs, while ongoing advocacy with state partners will emphasize the importance of stable and increased operating support for smaller and mid-sized transit systems like MMVTA.
  - iii. Mrs. Seman announced that the MMVTA is participating in Bridge to Home Animal Rescue's Giving Tree event and noted that anyone interested in participating or sponsoring a dog may take an ornament or photograph the needs list and return donations to the Transit Center by December 14, 2025.
- b. Marketing
  - i. Mrs. Dochenetz announced that the Transit Center will be closed on November 27, 2025, and November 28, 2025, with no bus service on November 27, 2025, in observance of Thanksgiving.
  - ii. Mrs. Dochenetz announced that the Vulcan Flyer service will not operate from November 26, 2025, through November 30, 2025, in observance of Thanksgiving Break.
  - iii. Mrs. Dochenetz announced that there will be no Cal Commuter service from December 13, 2025, through January 18, 2026, and

no Vulcan Flyer service from December 14, 2025, through January 18, 2026, due to Winter Break.

c. Operations

- i. Mrs. Lee updated the Board that on October 31, 2025, Mrs. Seman, Mrs. Basile, Chairman Eckert, and Mr. Nedrow attended the 3rd Annual Mid-Mon Valley Economic Symposium, hosted by the Mon Valley Alliance. The event, titled "Driving Economic Potential Through Collaboration," focused on regional partnerships, small business growth, and economic development. Speakers included Senators Camera Bartolotta and Patrick Stefano, with the keynote delivered by Rich Fitzgerald, Executive Director of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission.

11. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY – None.

12. OLD BUSINESS – None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. Member Community Updates

- i. Mr. Furlong announced that the Veteran's Day Parade was a success and shared that Stockdale will host a Light-Up Night on November 23, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
- ii. Mr. Bryner announced that Charleroi will host a Light-Up Night on December 5, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the Market House.

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. Mr. Bryner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.

**REMINDER:**

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR:

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025, AT 5:00 PM**

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS APPRECIATED!