

MID MON VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
1300 MCKEAN AVE
CHARLEROI, PA 15022
October 23, 2025
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

There being 13 members present at 5:00 PM, there was a quorum.

Members Present:

Bernie Bandini
Eleanor Bloom
Ed Bryner
Fred Exley
William Furlong
John Habel III – Teams
Timothy Herd
Frank Kennedy
Cathy Martini
Fred Naccarato
Scott Nedrow
Rik Pankiewicz
Nancy Williamson

Members Absent:

Mark Boyle
Devin DeRienzo
Diann Donaldson
George Eckert

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. Mr. Naccarato inquired if there were additions or corrections to the September 25, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes? Hearing none, Mr. Naccarato asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2025, Board Meeting. Mr. Bryner made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Furlong 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 September 2025 as follows: Average On-Time Performance was 94.00% with an average of 95.00% for 2025.
- b. Mr. Roncone reported on fixed route service for the month of September 2025 as follows: Actual Vehicle Miles were 78,760; Revenue Vehicle miles were 66,857; Actual Vehicle Hours were 4,511.87; and the Revenue Vehicle Hours were 3,980.64.
- c. Mr. Roncone also reported in September there were 5 incidents without injury; 1 incident with injury; 1 accident without injury; and 0 accidents with injury. Mr. Roncone stated that in September there were 0 security issues; 1 valid complaint; and 0 compliments.
- d. Mr. Roncone also informed the Board that in September there were 7 road calls; 11,251 miles between road failures; 11 major mechanical failures; and 15 other mechanical failures.
- e. Mr. Roncone provided an update on maintenance performance in September, 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. Mr. Naccarato announced that the proposed MMVTA 2026 Board Meeting Dates have been distributed to all Board Members and will be presented for approval at the November meeting.
- b. Mr. Naccarato reported that the following community appointments are set to expire on January 1, 2026: Allenport – Nancy Williamson, Monessen – Fred Naccarato, New Eagle – Vacant, and Belle Vernon – Fred Exley. He also noted that letters have been sent to each community regarding these upcoming term expirations.

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 October amounted to \$528,128.05 in Operating Expenses.
 - ii. Mr. Herd reported that the Capital Expenditures for the month of October were:
 1. \$16,582.81 payable to Michael Baker International for Route Study Project – Payment #5 (Federal & Capital Funds).
 2. \$3,171.00 payable to David Davis Communications for Farebox System IT Services (Federal, State & Local Funds).

- iii. Mr. Herd made a motion to accept October's Finance Report and approve payment of the same. Mr. Pankiewicz seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. Mr. Herd reported that the Fiscal Year 2024–2025 audit is currently underway and that MMVTA will soon provide an update on when Mr. Mark Turnley, CPA, plans to present the Audited Financial Statements to the Board. He added that once the audit is finalized, copies of the report will be distributed to Board Members in advance of the presentation for their review.
- c. 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 reported that the Farebox System Project's second phase, open payments, was completed on October 13, 2025. She added that the third phase, mobile ticketing, is scheduled to launch on November 17, 2025.
 - 2. Mrs. Lee informed the Board that the Maintenance Facility Equipment Project has been completed. She noted that maintenance training is scheduled for October 30, 2025, with additional staff training to follow on November 13, 2025.
 - 3. Mrs. Lee announced that the Sinkhole Project has been completed.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance Management – Scott Nedrow, Committee Chair
 - i. Mr. Nedrow announced that there will be a Finance Management Committee meeting scheduled for November or December.
- b. Human Resources – Cathy Martini, Committee Chair – No report.
- c. Planning & Steering Committee – Timothy Herd, Committee Chair
 - i. Mr. Herd announced there will be a Planning & Steering Committee meeting scheduled for November.
- 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 provided an update on the PA budget, which remains unresolved more than 100 days after the start of the fiscal year. She noted that on October 21, 2025, the Senate passed a \$47.9 billion budget proposal (SB 160) by a 27-23 vote and sent it back to the House. While the Senate's plan preserves essential funding levels, it does not include the full increase in transit funding that Governor Shapiro had proposed and which the House supports. Mrs. Seman reminded the Board that under the Governor's proposal, MMVTA would receive an estimated \$953,000 increase in state operating assistance. However, since the House has

already approved a budget with this increase, the two chambers have yet to reach a compromise, leaving all transit agencies in limbo while awaiting final direction. Mrs. Seman outlined the next steps, which include closely monitoring daily legislative actions in Harrisburg, maintaining communication with PennDOT, PPTA, and regional partners, and preparing contingency operating plans based on potential funding scenarios. She also emphasized the ongoing need for advocacy with state legislators to stress the importance of preserving reliable fixed-route service for Mon Valley workers, students, and seniors.

b. Marketing

- i. Mrs. Dochenetz announced that the Transit Center will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, in observance of Veterans Day; however, all bus services will operate on their regular schedules.
- ii. Mrs. Dochenetz shared that MMVTA will participate in this year's Veterans Day Parade on November 8, 2025, featuring a decorated bus with a banner honoring MMVTA Board Members and MV staff who are veterans.
- iii. Mrs. Dochenetz noted that MMVTA will participate in the Annual Mid-Mon Valley Economic Symposium to engage in discussions on key economic issues.

c. Operations

- i. Mrs. Lee informed the Board that she and Mrs. Seman attended the Fall PPTA Conference at State College from September 30 to October 2, 2025. She noted that the conference provided valuable insights into PennDOT's current initiatives, strategies for improving data quality, and tools to support the continued growth and success of the MMVTA team and its services.

11. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY – None.

12. OLD BUSINESS – None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mr. Naccarato directed the Board's attention to **Attachment I.13.a** in their agenda packets, which is a resolution for Approval to Use Uncommitted Prior-Year Local Match Reserves to offset New Eagle Borough's non-payment of their FY 2024–2025 operating local match in the amount of \$815.00. Mr. Herd made the motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Pankiewicz seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. Mrs. Seman presented the latest "Transit Tidbits" video, which highlighted the newly launched MMVTA Open-Payment System introduced with the installation of the new fareboxes.
- c. Member Community Updates
 - i. Mr. Furlong noted that the Veterans Day Parade will be held on November 8, 2025, and mentioned that a Veterans' event will take

place at the Stockdale Firehall from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., followed by a dinner for veterans after the parade.

14. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Mr. Naccarato asked if there were any further business to discuss? There being none, Mr. Naccarato asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Furlong made the motion. Mr. Bryner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM.

REMINDER:

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025, AT 5:00 PM

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS APPRECIATED!