

**MID MON VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
1300 MCKEAN AVE
CHARLEROI, PA 15022
September 25, 2025
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Prior to the Call to Order, a bus equipped with a new farebox was available onsite for Board Members to view and learn about.

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:

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

Members Absent:

Bernie Bandini

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
Jessica Harmon, Belle Vernon Resident

4. Chairman Eckert inquired if there were additions or corrections to the August 28, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes? Hearing none, Chairman Eckert asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2025, Board Meeting. Mr. Nedrow made the motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Donaldson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

- a. Ms. Harmon, a resident of Belle Vernon, spoke about the need for bus service to Fayette City via Routes 201 and 906, as well as expanded service to Marian Village. Mrs. Seman thanked Ms. Harmon for attending the Board Meeting and for her valuable input. Mrs. Seman assured Ms. Harmon that the suggestion would be forwarded to Michael Baker International, the firm conducting the current MMVTA route study, for consideration. Mrs. Seman also encouraged riders and community members to visit www.midmonmoves.com for updates on the study and opportunities to get involved.

6. REPORT FROM THE CARRIER – MV Transportation, Inc., Marc Roncone.

- a. Mr. Roncone reported on Average On-Time Performance for the month of August 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 August 2025 as follows: Actual Vehicle Miles were 73,843; Revenue Vehicle miles were 61,051; Actual Vehicle Hours were 4,183; and the Revenue Vehicle Hours were 3,643.
- c. Mr. Roncone also reported in August there were 10 incidents without injury; 0 incidents with injury; 0 accidents without injury; and 0 accidents with injury. Mr. Roncone stated that in August there were 0 security issues; 2 valid complaints; and 1 compliment.
- d. Mr. Roncone also informed the Board that in August there were 3 road calls; 25,051 miles between road failures; 8 major mechanical failures; and 15 other mechanical failures.
- e. Mr. Roncone provided an update on maintenance performance in August, 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 announced that all MMVTA buses are now equipped with the new Genfare Fast Fare fareboxes. He highlighted that this upgrade is a significant step toward modernizing the system and improving the overall rider experience. Key features of the new fareboxes include real-time ridership data, the launch of open payment in October, and mobile ticketing set to roll out in November.

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 September amounted to \$487,310.45 in Operating Expenses.
 - ii. Mr. DeRienzo reported that the Capital Expenditures for the month of September were:
 - 1. \$27,789.00 payable to AVAIL Technologies for 50% on Farebox Equipment & Application (Federal COVID Funds).
 - 2. \$104,199.00 payable to Genfare for Farebox Installation & Implementation (Federal, State & Local Funds).
 - 3. \$39,500.00 payable to McGrew Construction for Maintenance Facility Fencing & Cameras (Federal, State & Local Funds).
 - 4. \$19,254.63 payable to Michael Baker International for Route Study Project (Federal & Capital Funds).
 - iii. Mr. DeRienzo made a motion to accept September's Finance Report and approve payment of the same. Ms. Martini 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 provided an update on the Farebox System project, announcing that Verizon successfully established the internet connection on September 16, 2025. This milestone allows the MMVTA to proceed with the next phases of the project, including Phase 2, Open Payment, set to launch on October 13, 2025, and Phase 3, Mobile Ticketing, scheduled for November 17, 2025.
 - 2. Mrs. Lee gave an update on the Maintenance Facility Security Fence and Gate Project, noting that the front gate is still in transit, with delivery expected during the week of October 29, 2025. Installation and programming will begin immediately after the gate arrives.
 - 3. Mrs. Lee provided an update on the System-Wide Study, mentioning that the Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for either November or December, with the exact date yet to be determined.
 - 4. Mrs. Lee gave an update on the Paving Project at the Donora Bus Yard, stating that El Grande is scheduled to begin the paving work on November 3, 2025.
 - 5. Mrs. Lee provided an update on the sinkhole, explaining that contractors began replacing the sewer pipe on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, with an expected completion time of two weeks, weather permitting. However, additional voids

were discovered under the parking lot, which could potentially extend the timeline. Mrs. Lee noted that these voids were likely caused by the ongoing pipe issues and emphasized that Donora Borough's quick action to replace the pipes was a wise decision to prevent further hazards.

6. Mrs. Lee announced that the grant MMVTA applied for last year, aimed at the Office Equipment and Furniture Project, has been approved. She explained that this funding will be used to replace outdated computers, as well as broken desks and other essential equipment and furniture.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance Management – Scott Nedrow, Committee Chair – No report.
- 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 October.
- 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, noting that it is still not finalized, and lawmakers remain divided on how to fund public transit. She highlighted that the Governor's proposal includes an additional \$292 million statewide for transit, with the MMVTA expected to receive about \$953,000 more for fixed-route service. Mrs. Seman also mentioned that the Senate's plan is to use Capital Funds and Gaming Revenue as a short-term solution. While this would help current operations, it would also reduce funding for future buses and projects. Mrs. Lee added that, due to the ongoing budget impasse, no new funding is available yet. Large agencies like SEPTA and Pittsburgh Regional Transit are allowed to shift Capital Funds into Operations, but smaller systems like the MMVTA do not have that option currently. She emphasized the need for the MMVTA to be prepared in case funding is delayed or reduced.
 1. Mrs. Seman stated that she will closely monitor the ongoing budget discussions in Harrisburg, develop contingency service plans in case additional funding does not come through, and continue advocating with PennDOT and legislators on behalf of MMVTA riders.
- b. Marketing
 - i. Mrs. Dochenetz announced that the MMVTA aired a commercial throughout September to inform riders about the updates to the new fareboxes and payment options.

- ii. Mrs. Dochenetz shared that Mr. Perry attended the Monessen Senior Center's annual event, where he provided schedule and program information.
- c. Operations
 - i. Mrs. Lee updated the Board that she and Mrs. Seman will be attending the Fall PPTA Conference in State College from September 30, 2025, to October 2, 2025. She plans to provide an update on the conference at the October Board Meeting.

11. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY – None.

12. OLD BUSINESS – None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mrs. Seman presented the newest "Transit Tidbits" video which provided an overview of the MMVTA Paratransit Program.
- b. Member Community Updates
 - i. Chairman Eckert noted that the Halloween Parade hosted by the Monongahela Area Chamber of Commerce will be on October 22, 2025.
 - ii. Mrs. Donaldson reported that North Belle Vernon will host its annual Halloween Parade and Trick-or-Treat on Saturday, October 25, 2025.

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. Exley made the motion. Mr. Furlong seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

REMINDER:

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025, AT 5:00 PM

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS APPRECIATED!