

Marble Valley Regional Transit District

Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes of June 10th, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Marble Valley Regional Transit District was held on June 10, 2025 at 10:00 am, by Teams Meeting and in person.

Commissioner's Present:

Devon Neary, Chair, Executive Director, RRPC

Billy Gillam, Secretary

Matthew Patry, Treasurer

Ethan Pepin, Transportation Planner, RRPC

Albert Wenta, Town of Proctor

Chester Brown, Town of West Rutland

Tracy Upton, CHCRR

Chris Condon, VP Employee Experience & Technology, Killington/Pico Resort

Others Present:

Jade McClallen, Executive Director, MVRTD

Jennifer Ellis, HR Manager, MVRTD

Ron Euber, Operations Manager, MVRTD

Patti Johnson, Finance Director, MVRTD

Lori Borrelli, Passenger

Kristy Bloomer, Program Manager, MVRTD, Minutes Recorder

Call to Order: Devon Neary, Chair called meeting to order at 10:04 am

Introduction: Devon asked everyone to go around the room and introduce themselves to the new Finance Director, Patti Johnson.

Motion by Billy Gillam: Move to approve June 10th Agenda, seconded by Ethan Pepin and accepted by all. Motion passes.

Motion by Billy Gillam: Move to approve May 13th Minutes, seconded by Ethan Pepin and accepted by all. Motion passes.

Open to Pubic: Lori Borrelli mentioned a few concerns she had about passengers swearing and folks smoking at the Transit Center. Ron Euber stated that drivers are to keep passengers safe and do their best to address behavioral issues. However, it is not the responsibility of the driver to confront folks on the concourse about smoking. Lori also wanted to address a rumor she had heard that there would be a change to the Middlebury route. Ron clarified that the service would remain the same for the Middlebury Routes. The only change is TVT will be doing the Mid-day run only. MVRTD will continue to run the AM and PM service. There will still be 3 runs a day, at the same time they are currently being run. Lastly, Lori asked if guard dogs were

allowed to board buses and Ron stated that only Service Animals are allowed on board. The driver asks specific questions to the rider before they are allowed on, to ensure they are in fact a Service Animal.

VTrans Update: Dan Currier was not able to be present and asked that Jade report on his behalf. Jade stated the Budget has been signed by the Governor and the state has been level funded. MVRTD's budget has been sent to Jade for review. There is a Volunteer Grant that will be available and MVRTD is encouraged to apply.

Executive Committee Report: Devon stated the last meeting was held on Tuesday, June 3rd. It was a brief meeting with no action. There was discussion on Ludlow/Okemo Route, Audit, Compliance, policies and procedures.

Executive Director Report: Jade shared what was discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting. Fixed Assets and Depression are now complete, and they are very close to finishing the corrective action plan from VPTA. There is another corrective action plan in place that will not allow MVRTD to receive pre-payment from the state until the FY 25 audit has been completed and submitted. CLA is currently working on that audit now. Jade reiterated what Ron said about the Middlebury Service and that the savings from the route deduction will be roughly \$80,000 for the rest of this year. Devon noted that he is very impressed with all MVRTD staff's hard work. He extended a kudos and wanted to say thank you to everyone at The Bus.

LO-NO Spending Discussion: Jade was hoping for some support and guidance from the Board on what to do with the LO-NO grant that continues to be carried over each year. There is pressure from VEIC to spend these funds. These funds are for electric chargers and Buses. MVRTD feels that the electric fleet is not a good fit for this agency. Jade suggested a letter of support from the Board to VTrans stating they agree that the electric fleet is not appropriate for MVRTD.

Motion by Albert Wenta: Move to have Jade create a letter on behalf of the Board to support MVRTD's decision about the LO-NO Grant, seconded by Billy Gillam and accepted by all. Motion passes.

Other Business: Deven shared that he sent an email to Jade and Ron before this meeting from the City of Rutland, looking to schedule a meeting this week. Billy stated he also had Jade and Ron added to the email list for weekly meetings with the Chamber. Devon stated that July is this Board's annual meeting. Typically, Officers are elected at this meeting and the meeting tends to run longer.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:36am