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MVRTD Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday 1/6/2026, 09:00AM

Commissioners, In-Person Attendance:

Devon Neary, Chair of Board

Commissioners, Virtual Attendance:

Billy Gillam, Secretary
Matthew Patry, Treasurer

MVRTD Staff In-Person Attendance:

Jade McClallen, Executive Director, MVRTD
Tyler D'Ambrosio, Sr. Marketing Coordinator, MVRTD

Others, Virtual Attendance:

Patti Johnson, Finance Director, MVRTD

Call to Order Called to Order by Devon Neary at 9:11 AM

Agenda Motion to approve 1/06/26 agenda by Billy, seconded by Matt. Motion passes and agenda is approved.

December Minutes Motion to approve December Executive Committee Minutes by Billy, seconded by Matt. Motion passes and December minutes are approved.

Open to the Public None present.

Public Hearing Reception Jade gave an overview of the public hearings held on Dec. 29, 2026 regarding proposed service reductions. She relayed that during both meetings there were concerns about all the affected routes but primarily the City-Fixed Hospital Route. Fares were also a large part of the discussions at the hearings and Jade shares that a proposal for fare reimplementation will be presented during the next Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Devon brings up the miscommunication between board member Jim Haff about the proposed federal holiday service reduction to critical care and Medicaid trips only. Jade clarifies that this will not affect agreements that are already set in place and The Bus will still honor those agreements.

Devon inquires if the public feedback given thus far has given MVRTD reason to change course in regard to the proposed service reductions. Jade replies that she has reached out to RRMC about securing a donation to help support the Hospital Route. She has also been investigating the top 50 businesses for other concurrent avenues of revenue. Devon offers to help spearhead this endeavor with Jade.

Ridership Data Comparison Jade shares that since 2019, MVRTD has experienced a major decline in ridership of approximately -300,000 annual ridership. However, ridership has been somewhat consistent over the past 12 months. Devon notes that the South Route quite effectively absorbed the majority of the South Route Extension ridership numbers and therefore it does not seem like we have lost a significant



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amount of ridership and are still able to effectively serve the public.

Financials A financial overview is shared by Patti. She says she is currently working on a month by month projection to capture all of our expenses through the end of this FY but is still waiting on confirmation from state on the additional funds that we are receiving. Devon gives kudos to Patti as he appreciates the work she did putting this together which will give a basic structure for our budget from here on out. Jade also points out that MVRTD will be receiving approx. \$250k in state funding that will help to alleviate the deficit.

Other Business Devon and asks for an update on new signage as there are concerns about prices increasing due to tariffs and material shortages. Tyler replies that the order is just about ready to be placed but he needs to do a bit more design work before sending in the order.

Matt and Billy commend Patti for her due diligence and hard work in putting together the budget breakdown.

Devon gives an update from Traci Upton about her continuing status as an Executive Committee member and suggests that Albert Wenta, representative of Proctor, would be a suitable replacement if she is no longer able to serve on the committee. There is tacit approval on this from other board members present but Devon reminds everyone that this would have to go through full board approval prior to any changes being made.

Adjourn Executive Committee Meeting is adjourned at 9:54 AM by Devon Neary.