

MVRTD Executive Committee Minutes

May 5th, 2026

Commissioners, In-Person Attendance:

Matthew Patry, Representative of VSU - Castleton
Albert Wenta, Town of Proctor Representative
Devon Neary, Chair of Board

Commissioners, Virtual Attendance:

Ethan Pepin, Interim Secretary

MVRTD Staff, In-Person Attendance:

Kristy Bloomer, Program Manager
Jade McClallen, Executive Director
Patti Johnson, Finance Director
Tyler D'Ambrosio, Sr. Marketing Coordinator

Call to Order Devon Neary called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

Motion to Approve Request to add CDAR Rollover to Agenda by Patti. Motion presented by Albert to approve Agenda with CDAR amendment. Seconded by Matthew. Motion passes with none opposed.

Motion to Approve Motion to approve April Executive Committee minutes by Albert. Seconded by Matthew, motion passes with none opposed.

Open to Public None present.

P&L Report Patti shares that we are doing well thus far— state funding has run out but we still have enough federal grant money to take us through June to the end of the fiscal year. Moreover, O&D funds have dried up but money can be moved from other areas to sustain the program to the start of the next fiscal year when we will receive additional funding. Currently, the district is over \$100,000 above the projected donations for FY26 and up approximately \$9,000 over FY26 projections.

The Executive Committee is pleased to hear this and Devon inquires if donations are from existing or new partnerships. Patti clarifies that they are from existing partners that needed additional service during the Winter season. He then asks about the MTI grant spend down to which Patti replies that we are on track. He then asks Kristy about the pool of available volunteers and how it compares to number of volunteers that were driving through the previous program partners. She replies that MVRTD currently has 33 total which may be above the total amount from FY25 including all partner organizations.

O&D FY26 Report Kristy gives a presentation on the O&D program: first giving a summary of the programs history statewide and showcases the previous program partners within the MVRTD O&D program. She shares that the program was taken in-house at MVRTD primarily due to duplication of trips and clients as well as administration fees that could have been used to provide additional trips. MVRTD has continued to provide group trips for organizations like ARC and continues to provide a 20% local match for all O&D trips. This local match cost will be supported by the organization requesting a group

trip beginning in FY27.

In an FY25-FY26 comparison, Kristy points out that we have a total of approximately 3000 additional rides in the first three quarters of FY26 compared to the total number of rides provided in FY25. 1700 of the additional rides are non-emergency medical transportation. Devon is astounded by Kristy's and MVRTD's efforts. Kristy contends that the efficiencies of the program have led to us being able to provide so many additional rides.

Kristy goes on to share that in FY25, the total program overspending was approximately \$265,000. In FY26, MVRTD leveraged newfound efficiencies and has a projected overspend of only \$179,000. Thus far, 8,160 completed trips with 10,333 riders and 177 no shows with an average trip cost of \$72.54. In FY27 and beyond, we are looking to do additional fundraising efforts as we have a projected 20% increase in group trips. The districts goal is a 2% decrease in the average cost per trip to \$71.09 by the end of FY27. Devon requests that Kristy put together a One-Pager to showcase the success of our stewardship of the O&D program to which Kristy agrees.

Procurement Update Jade shares that MVRTD is currently talking to vendors regarding the groundwork and fencing of 158 Spruce Street. Moreover, she shares that we will have one more bus arriving before the end of the fiscal year and the district is still planning to replace vehicles over time rather than replacing a bevy of vehicles at once.

CDAR Review Patti gives an overview of the MVRTD CDAR account and shares that she would like to have the funds within the account be rolled over in May once the account matures.

Motion to Recommend Motion to recommend CDAR rollover to Board of Commissioners by Matt, seconded by Albert, the motion passes with none opposed.

Other Business Jade shares that the contract with Walmart was fully executed yesterday which will begin service in 2028. Devon shares that transportation was the last piece missing for the Act 250 Land Review Board and therefore the letter to be sent to the board expressing our support of the project is no longer needed.

She goes on to share that the preliminary award for grant funding from the state has come through and MVRTD will stay largely level-funded from FY26 with an increase in O&D funds as well as a slight decrease in planning funds. She then makes that point that she has been in contact with local businesses about additional donations.

Devon asks about the status of the bus stop signs and Tyler replies that it is in progress. Ethan offers to connect Tyler with DPW to which Tyler replies a hearty thank you.

Jade shares that upgraded internet through Fidium has been installed at 165 Spruce Street as well as at the Transit Center.

Finally, Tyler shares that MVRTD was awarded a \$25,000 grant through VECF to provide transportation for early childhood education via the AM City Backup Service.

Meeting Adjourned Meeting adjourned at 9:54AM by Devon Neary.