

MVRTD Board of Commissioners Minutes

May 12th, 2026

Commissioners, In-Person Attendance

Albert Wenta, Town of Proctor Representative
Chet Brown, Town of West Rutland Representative
Matt Patry, Vermont State University – Castleton Representative

Commissioners, Virtual Attendance

Devon Neary, Chair of Board
Ethan Pepin, Interim Secretary
Sam Budusky, KPAA Representative

MVRTD, In-Person Attendance

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

Others, Virtual Attendance

Jeremy Whiting, VTRANS Coordinator

Call to Order Devon Neary calls the meeting to order at 10:06AM.

Approval of May Agenda Jade requests that we shift the O&D presentation to after Open to the Public and Tyler requests removing Ridership Report until we have all of our data. Jim makes the Motion to Approve the May Agenda with amendments. Matt seconds his motion. None opposed. Agenda passes with amendments.

Approval of April Minutes Motion to approve April 14th minutes by Jim. Seconded by Chet. Motion passes and April Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are approved.

Open to Public None present.

O&D Presentation Kristy gives an overview of the O&D program up to FY26 starting with the history of the program state-wide in the 1970s. The O&D program in Rutland County was unique as it utilized multiple program partners with MVRTD as the head coordinator and facilitator. Since the beginning of FY26, MVRTD has brought the program completely in-house to be inline with other state agencies. This has led to decreased program costs and increased efficiencies in scheduling. Kristy shares that in comparison to this time last year, MVRTD has been able to provide an additional 2,945 trips with 1700 of them being non-emergency medical transportation. This is a marked increase over the previous model and spending is down approximately \$86,000. However, Kristy notes that we are still overspending on the program and that MVRTD has reduced the number of trips from the original 12 one-way trips to 8 one-way trips. MVRTD has also been focusing on serving our existing ridership and is not accepting new members to the O&D program at this time. Kristy shares that the goal is to decrease the cost per rider

another 2% in order to curb the program's spending.

Jim inquires as to the cause of the overspending and if we can provide more group trips instead of individual trips to cut costs. Jade and Kristy clarify that critical care riders receive unlimited trips but all other trip types are decided based on immediate need. Jim suggests caching a portion of the initial funds given by the state at the start of the fiscal year and budgeting the program based on the remaining funds. Jade contends that we will be doing additional fundraising efforts to make up for the projected 117k deficit by the end of FY27.

Finance Report Patti gives overview of the district's financial status up to March 31st which includes all addendums from the state to get us through the end of FY26. Currently, the district is \$53,000 in the black and is out of state money. The district will lean on federal and local match funds through the end of the fiscal year, barring a few state grants. The year-end projection is approximately -\$526,000 in expenses with a revenue of \$1,562,056.62 leading to a carryover into FY27 of \$1,035,340.38.

Patti then shares that we have received our FY27 grant award from the state. Almost all requested funds were provided by the state with only slight decreases or steady funding across the board. She shares that the district is quite happy with these results.

CDAR Rollover Patti shares that she has spoken with Community Bank and would like to deposit the interest we received from our current CDAR and rollover the principal for 6 months with a 3.15% interest rate.

Motion to Authorize Motion to Authorize Patti to deposit interest in the main MVRTD account and rollover the principal amount for 6 months with a 3.15% interest rate by Albert. Seconded by Jim. Motion passes unanimously.

ED Report Jade shares that the Walmart contract has been fully signed and will be executed beginning in Fall 2028. The district has switched over to Fidium Internet for all three sites and will save approximately \$3,000 per year whilst receiving improved service speeds. Fares will be required on all of our published routes beginning July 1st— the sale of fares and passes will begin in June. She shares that previous local organizations and businesses that were using their employee ID badges in lieu of traditional Seasonal Access Passes will be grandfathered in and offered the opportunity to do so again however we will not be extending the opportunity to new organizations. Jade has sent the letter that will be distributed to local area businesses regarding the return to a standard fare structure to our CPA to make sure all communications are accurate in regard to the tax benefits stated. Finally, Jade shares that she has been working with VPTA to create a statewide policy to ensure that all Vermont public transportation agencies are operating with Medicaid guidelines.

Other Business None discussed.

Adjourn Adjourned at 10:57AM by Devon Neary.