

**MONONGALIA COUNTY URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
August 19, 2026**

Authority Members Present:

Jenny Dinsmore, President
Jeremy Evans, Vice President
Jonathan Cook
Stephanie Hunt

Authority Members Not Present:

Wesley Nugent, Treasurer
Russ Rogerson
Terri Cutright, Secretary

Staff Present:

Maria Smith

Others Present:

Alexander Siracusa, Bus Operator
Lars Lehmann
Bob Pingley
Kelli LaNeve
Jeramiah Bland
Donnie Ayersman
Karl Williamson
Donya Soltis
Bob Pingley
Loring Danielson
Taylor Johnson

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 PM by Jenny Dinsmore.

II. Approval of Minutes:

a. July 15, 2026

Jeremy Evans moved to approve the minutes for the June 24, 2026, Board of Directors meetings. Seconded by Stephanie Hunt, the motion passed unanimously.

III. Presentations:

a. Driver of the Month

The July 2026 Driver of the Month was Tom Jones with Ron McCourt, Daniel Wilt, Daniel Shorter, and Dave Stump also having performed commendably.

b. Rider of the Month

The August 2026 Rider of the Month selected by the Mountain Line Transit Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) is Bruce Triplett. The next CAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 in person or via zoom at 1:30PM.

c. New Hire Introductions

Maria Smith announced the July hiring of new Marketing Coordinator Taylor Johnson, new Full Time Drivers, Javian Morris, Paulina Hulsey, Ryan Beluza.

d. CTAA Conference

Staff discussed a recent leadership conference session, AI tools, and a separate ADA-focused Session covered service animal policy and equipment/maintenance procedures.

IV. Public Comments

Mimi Wilson, representing Mountaineers Indivisible ("MICA"), addressed the board regarding on board advertising that was denied.

V. Monthly Data Summaries and Correspondence

Maria discussed July ridership, High school ridership and Veteran/military pass ridership. Staff are looking for a new Veteran/military pass partner organization.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee had nothing to report. Stephanie Hunt made a motion to accept the financials and Jonathan Cook seconded the motion, the motion passed with no objections.

VII. Old Business

a. Construction Updates

Bob provided an updated on the completion of the roof project, the solar contractor requested a contract extension, security gate operators, the electronic door lock system, and new bus shelter is being installed on Scott Avenue at Valley Health Care and the driver's locker room renovation remains in planning.

b. West Run Contract

The West Run agreement is in place and includes an addition of service to cover exam weeks. A property ownership change at West Run apartment complex was noted, with no expected service impact.

c. ARC Arise Grant

Maria Smith reported that MLTA is still awaiting information about next steps.

d. Rural Health Transformation Grant

A statewide grant program aimed at improving rural residents' access to health-related services, including transportation. The state released a transit related RFP on August 13th with a due date August 26th. The WVPTA SOR Coordinator is responding to the RFP on behalf of the association.

e. Fractional Marketing RFP

A draft marketing RFP is being refined with input from the new marketing coordinator Taylor Johnson before release.

VIII. New Business

a. Audit Committee

Maria Smith noted the need to form a committee to review the Audit RFP responses. The board concurred that the Audit Committee will consist of Jenny Dinsmore, Stephanie Hunt, and Jonathan Cook.

b. Propane Event September 17th Noon – 1:00 PM

An event is planned to showcase results from a pilot project using propane-fueled mid-size buses, Senator Mike Oliverio will be in attendance as well as industry representatives, and a technical expert from Roush attending.

c. Hostile Architecture City Resolution

The City of Morgantown has passed a resolution for non-hostile architecture to be installed going forward. Most bus shelters including the one at Public Safety and Spruce and Pleasant both have benches with a center bar. The city is not asking that existing architecture be replaced but that going forward there would be consideration for non-hostile architecture. Upcoming shelter installs are at Valley Health Care on Scott Avenue and Hirschman Landing.

d. Grey Line Service

The state has been notified that Greyhound is running a new service that overlaps the Grey Line service between Morgantown and Pittsburgh. They were alerted to the redundancy in disbursements of 5311f funds.

e. Minivan Delivery

New minivans began delivery in May, the vehicles have been transported back to Rittenhouse in PA

to have a manufacturer recall taken care of then there were a few that needed a recall taken care of on the Q Straint wheelchair securement system. Currently we are waiting on brackets to be delivered to Rittenhouse then we'll send three of the vans back to get the back folding seat installed. Initial draft vehicle graphics were also presented.

f. Fare Collection/CAD/AVL Project

Staff are working with a vendor (RideCo) on GTFS data updates to improve third-party trip planners (Google, Transit app), using AI tools to help manage route/schedule data. Separately, a CAD/AVL system upgrade is planned first, followed by a new fare collection system (including credit card and pass options), with a tight timeline targeting late spring/summer. This timeline is set up as the best case scenario, if there is a bid protest on either project the scheduled will be pushed out.

IX. Board Member Reports and MPO Update

The board discussed the timeline of the MPO RFP for the Route Efficiency study, the timeline is currently estimated at 18 months completion. An option to tighten up the deadline may be to complete the first two phases of the study then visit the Lot A future use.

X. Board Workshop Date – CEO Goals

Board members discussed setting a short list of 5–6 focused goals for the Executive Director evaluation, plus a short self-evaluation questionnaire for the board itself. Meeting will be held September 2nd pending other board member availability.

XI. Next Board Meeting Date – September 16, 2026

XII. Adjournment

Adjourn 1:40 PM.