Green Mountain Transit Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2026 – 7:30 a.m.

Board Room, Burlington, Vermont and via Zoom

The mission of GMT is to promote and operate safe, convenient, accessible, innovative, and sustainable public transportation services in northwest and central Vermont that reduce congestion and pollution, encourage transit-oriented development, and enhance the quality of life for all.

Present:

Commissioner Amy Brewer, Williston
Commissioner Chapin Spencer, Burlington
Commissioner Ilona Blanchard, South Burlington
Commissioner Andrea Suozzo, Burlington
Commissioner Paul Bohne, Essex Town
Commissioner Raj Chawla, City of Essex Junction
Commissioner Henry Bonges, Milton
Alt. Commissioner Paul Connor, South Burlington
Alt. Commissioner Charlene Tallman, Williston
Alt. Commissioner Bethany Clark, City of Essex Junction
Clayton Clark, General Manager
Jamie Smith, Director of Rider Experience
Jimmy Johnson, Director of Transportation
Matt Kimball, Director of Transit Infrastructure
Jon Moore, Assistant General Manager
Nick Foss, Director of Finance
Nate Bergeron, GMT Driver
Chris Damiani, Director of Planning
Stephanie Reid, Director of Human Resources
Tammy Masse, Controller
Camden Blatchly, Transit Data Analyst
Will Hodgson, Transit Planner
Connor Smith, Capital Projects Manager
Chris Cole, Director of Development
Rich Carmo, Senior Staff Accountant

Peggy O'Neill Vivanco, VT Clean Cities
Ross MacDonald, VTrans
Dan Currier, VTrans
Eliana Fox, CCRPC
Kimberly Clark, Member of the Public

Agenda:

Open Meeting
Chair Suozzo opened the meeting at 7:33 AM.

Adjustment of the Agenda
GM Clark added an item recognizing Jon Moore's years of service.

Public Comment
Kim Clark made a comment about open the DTC bathrooms.

Consent Agenda
Commissioner Spencer made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Commissioner Brewer seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Discussion: Chair Remarks
Chair Suozzo thanked Commissioner Brewer for guidance as leadership and talked about excitement entering the new role of Board Chair.

Recognition for Jon Moore
GM Clark spoke in recognition of Jon Moore's 18 years of service to Green Mountain Transit.

Action: Diesel Procurement
Connor Smith presented the diesel procurement, including a three new potential pricing structures. There was board discussion related to the delegation of authority for approval of the procurement.

Commissioner Spencer made a motion to authorize the Board Chair and Treasurer to award a new fixed price fuel contract on behalf of the Board of Commissioners as laid out in the Board Packet. Commissioner Chawla seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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Action: ATTAIN Grant Application Approval
GM Clark presented an overview of the potential projects that could be covered were GMT to receive funding through the ATTAIN grant. There was discussion about monitoring the terms of the funding to ensure GMT is maintaining rider privacy.

Commissioner Spencer made a motion to authorize staff to apply for a US Department of Transportation ATTAIN Grant to improve our information technology. This will increase safety, improve economic efficiency, improve rider experience, and increase use of data to inform decision making. The total bid application will not exceed $3.0 million for a 2-year grant period, which would require a local match contribution of $600,000. Commissioner Bohne seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Presentation: Vision Committee Update
Alt. Commissioner Clark presented the Vision Committee work to date, noting that the committee is nearing its end. Commissioners will comment should contact Commissioner Grasso and the final plan will be presented at the next meeting for Board adoption.

Presentation: VTrans Outlook
Ross MacDonald presented a VTrans overview focusing on the end stage of arriving at a more sustainable service level and the timeline of communication and planning leading up to the next Legislative Session.

Discussion: Board Committees
Given the smaller GMT Board of Commissioners, GM Clark discussed the need to change membership of Board committees. GM Clark and Chair Suozzo will continue to modify the membership list based on feedback received and will present the final committee membership at the next meeting.

Presentation: Service Committee KPI Teaser
Chris Damiani presented the new Service Committee KPI dashboard which focused on six identified metrics; ridership, productivity, reliability, data quality, missed service and customer feedback.

Committee Reports
Committee chairs gave an overview of the past meetings.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bohne gave further kudos to Jon Moore. Commissioner Spencer talked about the bright future and highlighting successes such as the 15-minute frequency on Main Street.

Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter

Commissioner Brewer made a motion to enter into executive session with Stephanie Reid to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Blanchard seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The Board entered executive session at 9:20 AM.

Commissioner Bohne made a motion to exit executive session and Commissioner Blanchard seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners exited executive session at 9:50 AM with no action taken.

Adjourn

Commissioner Spencer made a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner Brewer seconded. All were in favor the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 AM.