



Green Mountain Transit Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, August 18, 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 Henry Bonges, Milton
Commissioner Susan Grasso, Shelburne
Commissioner Austin Davis, Winooski
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
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



40 Dan Currier, VTrans
41 Eliana Fox, CCRPC
42 Bryan Davis, CCRPC

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45 **Agenda:**

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47 **Open Meeting**

48 Chair Suozzo opened the meeting at 7:31 AM.

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50 **Adjustment of the Agenda**

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53 **Public Comment**

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56 **Consent Agenda**

57 Commissioner Bohne made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and
58 Commissioner Spencer seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

59 **Action: Approved Line of Credit**

60 Director Foss presented the memo regarding the line of credit. Commissioner
61 Grasso made a motion to approve the borrowing resolution for the purpose of obtaining
62 a line of credit with M&T Bank. Commissioner Spencer seconded. All were in favor and the
63 motion carried.

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65 **Discussion: Ridership Levels and STIC factors**

66 Director Damiani gave a presentation related to current ridership trends and
67 Small Transit Intensive Cities (STIC) factors.

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69 **Discussion: Commissioner Engagement**

70 Peggy O'Neill-Vivanco discussed upcoming plans to increase engagement
71 with Board Commissioners, including an overview of future reports and
72 resources that will be available. There was discussion related to the current
73 Board Orientation packet.

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75 **Discussion: ATAIN Submission and 5339 Application Preview**

76 Director Kimball reviewed the final ATAIN Grant application. Staff submitted
77 the application in early August and isn't expecting to hear about a potential
78 award until early 2027. Director Kimball also presented a preview of the 5339
79 Grant Application, due in September 2026. There was discussion on the 5339



80 application and conversation on the sharp decrease in amount of funding
81 available in the 5339 grant program.

82 **Committee Reports**

83 Committee chairs gave an overview of the past meetings.

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85 **Commissioner Comments**

86 GM Clark said a report on his recent CTAA conference will be coming soon
87 to the Board.

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89 **Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter**

90 Commissioner Brewer made a motion to enter into executive session with
91 Stephanie Reid and Dan Currier to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner
92 Grasso seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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94 The Board entered executive session at 9:25 AM.

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

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99 The Board of Commissioners exited executive session at 9:36 AM with no
100 action taken.

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102 **Action: General Manager's Contract Offer**

103 This item was postponed until the September 2026 meeting.

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105 **Adjourn**

106 Commissioner Brewer made a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner Grasso
107 seconded. All were in favor the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 AM.