

## **Green Mountain Transit Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes** November 12, 2024 – 7:30 a.m. 101 Queen City Road, Burlington VT 05401 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 Tasha Wallis, Lamoille County Commissioner Henry Bonges, Milton Commissioner Bob Buermann, Grand Isle County Commissioner Amy Brewer, Williston Commissioner Paul Bohne, Essex Commissioner Catherine Dimitruk, Franklin County Commissioner Susan Grasso, Shelburne Commissioner Chapin Spencer, Burlington Commissioner Austin Davis, Winooski Commissioner Amy Brewer, Williston Commissioner Andrea Suozzo, Burlington Commissioner Christian Meyer, Washington County Commissioner Michael Scanlan, South Burlington Alt. Commissioner Will Anderson, Burlington Alt. Commissioner Judy Rosenstreich, Shelburne Alt. Commissioner Alec Jones, Lamoille County Alt. Commissioner Chapin Kaynor, Williston Alt. Commissioner Kyle Grenier, Grand Isle County

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Tim Bradshaw, Director of Grants
Connor Smith, Capital Projects Manager
Kim Smith, Staff Accounting
Nick Foss, Director of Finance
Matt Kimball, Director of Transit Infrastructure

Jon Moore, Assistant General Manager

Jamie Smith, Director of Rider Experience

Stephanie Reid, Director of Human Resources

Chris Damiani, Director of Plannina

Clayton Clark, General Manager

Kelly Bean, Accounting Clerk

Tammy Masse, Controller



42	Erika Osorio, Transit Data Analyst
43	Monica White, Director of Central VT Services
44	Ross MacDonald, VTrans
45	Shaun Robinson, VT Digger
46	Sam Heinrichs, UVM
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49	Meeting Called to Order
50	Chair Brewer opened the meeting at 7:31 AM.
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52	Adjustment to the Agenda
53	Clayton asked for action on special assessment as the new item 11.
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55	Public Comment
56	Chapin Kaynor thanked GMT staff for removing the old GMT shelter pad in
57	Williston.
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59	Consent Agenda
60	Commissioner Dimitruk made a motion to approve the consent agenda and
61 62	Commissioner Scanlan seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
63	Action: Approve Refund Policy
64	Director Smith gave an overview of the refund policy changes/updates.
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66	Commissioner Meyer made a motion to approve the fare refund policy and
67	Commissioner Bohne seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
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69	Action: Approve Rule 1 - Governance
70	GM Clark gave an overview on Rule 1.
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72	Commissioner Dimitruk made a motion to accept the Rule 1 on Governance
73	as modified by discussion and Commissioner Grasso seconded. All were in
74	favor and the motion carried.
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76	Action: Approve Legal Services Procurement
77	Director Foss gave an overview of the legal services RFP.
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79	Commissioner Grasso made a motion to approve the legal services RFP as
80	presented and Commissioner Wallis seconded. All were in favor and the
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83 84 85 86 87	Action: Approve March Service Reductions/Modifications Director Damiani gave an overview of the March service reductions memo. Commissioners asked that we look at service to park and ride locations as a priority when circling back to service optimization.
88 89 90 91 92	Commissioner Suozzo made a motion that the Green Mountain Transit Board of Commissioners approve the proposed service changes as outlined below and Commissioner Meyer seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
92 93	Action: FY26 ADA Assessment Level
94 95	GM Clark talked about the ADA assessment levels historically and the relationship with our communities. There was discussion.
96 97 98 99 100	Commissioner Bohne made a motion to set the FY26 ADA assessment discount to 45% and Commissioner Spencer seconded. A majority of the board voted to approve, Commissioners Scanlan and Grasso opposed.
101 102 103	Commissioners Grasso and Scanlan both noted that they would prefer to think about the assessment motions as a package (including the fixed route and potential special assessment).
104 105 106	Action: FY26 Fixed Route Assessment Increase Fixed route assessments were discussed.
107 108 109 110	Commissioner Grasso made a motion to increase the FY26 fixed route assessment by 4% and Commissioner Scanlan seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
111 112 113 114 115 116	Action: FY26 Special Assessment Commissioner Scanlan made a motion to approve moving forward with the FY26 special assessment process outlined by Clayton Clark's email and Commissioner Bohne seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
117	Action: Approve Interim Legislative Report
118	GM Clark gave an overview of the interim legislative report. Commissioner
119	Bohne made a motion to accept the Interim Legislative report as amended.
120	The General Manager may continue to make non-substantive changes, such
121	as correcting errors and improving wording, until its submission. Public
122 123	comment submitted after this approval will also be included and will not require board approval and Commissioner Grasso seconded. In discussion
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124 125	Commissioners complimented the report. All were in favor and the motion carried.
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127	Committee Reports
128	Committees gave an overview of their meetings.
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130	Commissioner Comments
131	Commissioner Grasso thanked staff for the amazing work. This was echoed by
132	several Commissioners. Chair Brewer thanked Commissioners as well.
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134	GM Clark reminded Commissioners that they are able to ride the bus for free!
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136	Commissioner Spencer thanked Clayton and staff for providing the staff
137	lunch and noted that there was a very positive energy amongst the drivers.
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139	Adjourn
140	Commissioner Spencer made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner
141	Scanlan seconded. All were in favor and motion approved. The meeting
142	ended at 9:19 AM.