



**Green Mountain Transit Board of Commissioners Meeting**  
**June 16, 2026 – 7:30 a.m.**  
**Board Room, Burlington, Vermont and Zoom**

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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.

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**Present:**

Commissioner Amy Brewer, Williston  
Commissioner Paul Bohne, Essex Town  
Commissioner Henry Bonges, Milton  
Commissioner Ilona Blanchard, South Burlington  
Commissioner Susan Grasso, Shelburne  
Commissioner Andrea Suozzo, Burlington  
Commissioner Chapin Spencer, Burlington  
Commissioner Austin Davis, Winooski  
Commissioner Christian Meyer, Washington County  
Commissioner Tasha Wallis, Lamoille County  
Alt. Commissioner Charlene Tallman, Williston  
Alt. Commissioner Paul Conner, South Burlington  
Alt. Commissioner Bethany Clark, Essex Town  
Clayton Clark, General Manager  
Jamie Smith, Director of Rider Experience  
Stephanie Reid, Director of Human Resources  
Jimmy Johnson, Director of Transportation  
Nate Bergeron, GMT Driver  
Tim Bradshaw, Director of Grants  
Tammy Masse, Controller  
Nick Foss, Director of Finance  
Will Hodgson, Transit Planner  
Camden Blatchly, Transit Data Analyst  
Matt Kimball, Director of Transit Infrastructure  
Jon Moore, Assistant General Manager  
Chris Cole, Director of Transit Development  
Peggy O'Neill-Vivanco, Clean Cities Coalition  
Dan Currier, VTrans  
Sandy Thibault, CATMA  
Ross MacDonald, VTrans



Bryan Davis, CCRPC

Heidi Swevens, Member of the Public

Kim Clark, Member of the Public

Reed Nye, Member of the Public

### **Meeting Called to Order**

Chair Brewer opened the meeting at 7:32 AM.

### **Adjustment to the Agenda**

None

### **Public Comment**

Kim Clark made a comment that the removal of the Champlain Farms stop is disruptive.

Heidi Swevens made a comment about the elimination of the #4 and how that will affect them. Heidi also spoke about the impact to paratransit riders.

### **Action: Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Wallis made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Commissioner Suozzo seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

### **Acknowledgement: Washington County and Lamoille Departures**

Chair Brewer acknowledged the partnership and the work that was done with the Washington and Lamoille commissioners and wished them good luck.

Clayton Clark also made comments about the transition being bittersweet.

### **Action: Election of Officers**

Andrea Suozzo- Chair

Susan Grasso- Vice Chair

Ilona Blanchard- Secretary

Paul Bohne- Treasurer

Commissioner Spencer made a motion to approve the slate of officers, and Commissioner Davis seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

GM Clark thanked Chair Brewer for her time and for being a great leader. Commissioners shared their well wishes and thanked Chair Brewer for her leadership.



**Action: Modifications to 96 Franklin County Commuter**

GM Clark reviewed the memo submitted by Director Damiani and gave an overview of the proposed changes. The memo outlined the public process conducted and comments received.

Commissioner Grasso moved to approve the service modifications to the #96 Franklin County Commuter consisting of routing alignment change as outlined in the Board Packet for implementation in the August 2026 schedule change. Commissioner Chawla seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Action: #4 Service**

GM Clark proposed a phased elimination of the service, eliminating 50% in August and 50% in the February 2027 bid. This phased approach would allow GMT to navigate the changes to the ADA program, which would affect 76 people. The community is interested in seeing some extended #2 trips from Amtrak to the Essex Experience. GM Clark also spoke about the potential increase in STIC factor values.

GM Clark gave updates on the Town of Essex select board. The town voted to leave GMT, however if there continued to be service in the Town of Essex, they would reconsider. Chair Brewer asked if any Commissioners would be opposed to welcoming them back if they did decide to stay, no Commissioners were opposed.

Commissioner Chawla was in favor of the approach and noted concern for the riders who will lose access to ADA service. Commissioners discussed the service changes.

Commissioner Blanchard made a motion to amend the GMT Board of Commissioners decision from May 19, 2026, to eliminate the #4 with the August 2026 bid. The #4 will be eliminated in two phases: 50% of the service will be reduced with the August 2026 bid and the remaining service will be eliminated in the first bid of 2027. From the August bid until its elimination, service will be spread across the day to approximately the current span; the Planning Department is empowered to schedule the service in the most efficient manner possible for both ridership and cost; ADA service will be maintained throughout the span of the day; and Essex Junction and the Town of Essex will pay their full assessment. Commissioner Suozzo seconded.



Commissioner Blanchard then offered a friendly amendment to include a study of increased frequency and routing of the #4 route that is most productive. Commissioner Grasso seconded.

After discussion, Commissioner Grasso rescinded her second and the Board agreed to continue with the original motion.

After a vote, the decision was not unanimous, so the Chair called a rollcall vote:

Commissioner Chawla—yes  
Commissioner Blanchard—yes  
Commissioner Grasso—yes  
Commissioner Spencer—yes  
Commissioner Bohne—yes  
Commissioner Davis—yes  
Commissioner Suozzo—yes  
Commissioner Wallis—yes  
Commissioner Meyer—yes  
Commissioner Brewer—yes  
Commissioner Bonges—abstained

**Action: CATMA Unlimited Access Extension**

GM Clark went over the work to date for the unlimited access agreement through CATMA.

Commissioner Spencer made a motion to authorize the General Manager to extend the current unlimited access program agreement between GMT and CATMA for service to UVM, UVMMC, and Champlain College. Commissioner Chawla seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Action: FY27 Capital Budget Adjustment**

Director Kimball gave an overview of the adjustments.

Commissioner Spencer made a motion to amend the FY27 Capital Budget to incorporate the changes in the proposed FY27 Capital Budget Adjustment enclosed with this memo, and to authorize the vehicle capital purchases as outlined above. Commissioner Grasso seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.



**Action: MOU to Correct Retirement Account Deposit in Urban Operators Agreement**

GM Clark gave an overview of the change addressed in the MOU. Commissioner Suozzo made a motion to authorize the General Manager to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Teamsters 597 to make a technical correction to the urban operators agreement as described in the board packet. Commissioner Blanchard seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

Committee chairs gave an overview of their last meeting.

**Commissioner Comments**

None

**Executive Session: Personnel Matter**

Commissioner Bonges made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, with Stephanie Reid also attending. Commissioner Spencer seconded. All in favor and the motion carried. The Board entered executive session at 9:07 AM.

The Board exited executive session with no action taken at 10:01 AM.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 AM.