

River Valley Metro Mass Transit District
Metro Centre, 1137 E 5000 North Road, Bourbonnais IL 60914
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2025

Chairman Argyelan called the regular monthly River Valley Metro Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Attending Board Members: Chairman Mark Argyelan, Vice-Chairman Jerry Pearce, Secretary Nick Allen, Treasurer Ron Jackson, Board Members David Hinderliter, Kenny Blake. Absent: Kelly St. Aubin.

Staff Members Present: Managing Director Siron Sims, Director of Administration Mandy Taylor, Director of Operations Michelle Brutlag, Facilities Director Tim Goodman, Project Manager Cortney Koning, COO Ken Munjoy, MPD Tobe Fulford

Others Present: We Drive U G.M. Rodriques Kimbrough

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Mandy Taylor

Public with Business to Come Before the Board: None

Consent Agenda: David Hinderliter made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Kenny Blake seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken of those in attendance, with all in favor. Consent agenda approved.

Communications:

Chairman's Report: Mark Argyelan
None

Managing Director's Report: Siron Sims
We received an email from Manteno Township informing us that they have chosen Ryan Nugent to replace Kelly St. Aubin on our board. He should be here for the August meeting.

None of the Illinois transit legislation passed prior to adjournment. Sen. Joyce was very proactive in his support. The major obstacle was funding.

Siron and Ken attended an open house/ribbon cutting at Rep. Haas's new office. While there, Rep. Haas mentioned that she is supporting legislation to help RTA because she knows that proper funding is important to us. Siron explained that our funding comes from the Downstate Mass Transit Fund, not the RTA.

Operations Report: Rod Kimbrough

We have 41 active full-time and 4 active part-time operators. There is a hiring event today at the Hampton Inn.

Ken Munjoy reported that May ridership this year was 49,339, compared to 50,930 last year. Year-to-date, ridership is up 3.0 % from last year.

Complaints/Comments: Michelle Brutlag

In the last month, there were 11 complaints, 5 of which were valid. The We Drive U management team is very good at addressing valid issues promptly. We received 3 compliments. CCS and Transit Officers provided 98 rides.

Kudos to the drivers, CCS, and Dispatch for handling traffic and route changes during the Bradley 315 Music Fest.

We had a table at the State's Attorney Senior Fair again this year.

Board Report:

None

New Business

FY 25 Pre-Audit Approval

Nick Allen made a motion to approve the Engagement Letter with our current auditors at a projected cost of \$16,600. Jerry Pearce seconded the motion which passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

The auditor has been late with providing the final audit for the past 2 years. We plan to go out to bid for a new auditor next year.

Old Business

Maintenance Facility

We are nearing completion and will soon be working on the final punch list. We are planning for an August ribbon cutting.

Questions from the news media:

None

Other Business to come Before the Board:

None

Executive Session:

David Hinderliter made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:25 AM. Kenny Blake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

Nick Allen made a motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:46 AM. Motion was seconded by Kenny Blake and passed unanimously.

Motion to return to Regular Session was made by Kenny Blake at 8:47 AM. Motion was seconded by Ron Jackson and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Jerry Pearce made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 AM. Motion was seconded by Nick Allen and passed unanimously in a voice vote.