

**River Valley Metro Mass Transit District**  
**Metro Centre, 1137 E 5000 North Road, Bourbonnais IL 60914**  
**Board of Director Meeting Minutes**  
**March 24, 2026**

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, and Ryan Nugent.

Members Absent: None

**Staff Members Present:** Managing Director Siron Sims, COO Ken Munjoy, MPO Tobe Fulford, Director of Administration Mandy Taylor, Assistant Director of Administration Bri Whybrew, Director of Facilities Tim Goodman.

**Others Present:** WDU G.M. Rod Kimbrough

**Pledge of Allegiance led by:** Bri Whybrew

**Public with Business to Come Before the Board:**

None

**Consent Agenda:** David Hinderliter made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Nick Allen 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

Has been in contact with Siron Sims since the hailstorm/tornado regarding River Valley metro property and with Kenny Blake, who lives in the hard-hit Aroma Park area.

**Managing Director's Report:** Siron Sims

Any disasters must be reported to IDOT and FTA. Reports were submitted on 3/11, the day after the storm.

We experienced approximately \$60,000 in damages to shelters and \$20,000 damage to bus windows and mirrors. Fortunately, there were no injuries. ON the Monday and Tuesday after the storm, we provided a bus and driver for a shuttle service running from Kankakee to a Red Cross resource center in Aroma Park.

**Operations Report:**

Rod Kimbrough reported that we currently have 45 full-time and 9 part-time operators. We Drive U is planning a recruiting event that will include signing bonuses.

We are within our goals for speeding.

Rod announced that We Drive U is relocating him to a different location and that he has recommended current Operations Manager Malcom Williams to be his replacement. Chairman Argyelan thanked Rod for the worked that he has done here and wished him well.

Ken Munjoy reported that February ridership this year was 44,943, compared to 45,994 last year. FY year-to-date rides are down 3.4 % from last year.

CCS and Transit Officers transported 51 people in February.

**Complaints/Comments:** Ken Munjoy

In the previous 4 weeks, we had a total of 11 complaints, 8 of which were valid. We received one compliment for 3 of our drivers.

**Board Report:**

David Hinderliter reminded everyone of the tornado that hit River Valley Metro's original location, resulting in the move to our current location. David also wished Rod Kimbrough well with his career change.

**New Business**

District Bylaws

David Hinderliter made a motion to accept changes to sections 7.6 and 7.11 regarding meeting time and remote attendance. Motion was seconded by Kenny Blake and passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

## **FY25 Audit**

It was a very clean audit with no material weaknesses or deficiencies found. Chairman Argyelan congratulated Siron Sims and Mandy Taylor, stating that this was one of the cleanest audits he has ever seen. Siron Sims thanked Mandy Taylor for doing a great job.

## **Old Business**

### **Planning Study**

We have approval from IDOT for Via to begin the process. Kick-off meeting is scheduled for April 7. Results and recommendations will be presented to the board when completed in approximately 3 months.

### **Questions from the news media:**

None

### **Other Business to come Before the Board:**

None

### **Executive Session:**

None

## **Adjournment**

Jerry Pearce made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 AM. Motion was seconded by Ryan Nugent and passed unanimously in a voice vote.