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**DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO COUNCIL**  
**MARCH 4, 2026 MINUTES**

**DOVER/KENT MPO COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

**Robin R. Christiansen, Mayor, City of Dover, Chair**

**Stephanie Johnson, Dir. of Planning, for Secretary of the DE Dept. of Transportation, Vice Chair**

**John Sisson, Chief Executive Officer, Delaware Transit Corporation**

**Paul Hertz, Commissioner, for Terry Pepper, President, Kent County Levy Court**

**Sharon Bryson, Dir. DE Office of Hwy Safety DSHS, for Governor, State of DE**

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

**Santo Faronea, Municipal Representative**

**Camille Otto, for Division Administrator, Federal Highway Admin. (FHWA)(NV)**

**Terry Garcia Crewes, Regional Administrator, Region III, Federal Transit Admin. (FTA)(NV)**

**NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING**

**Marilyn Smith, MPO Staff**

**Helen Wiles, MPO Staff**

**Matt Jordan, DAFB Planning**

**Austin Gray, DelDOT Planning**

**Sarah Bell, Whisman Giordano**

**Michelle Vinson, MPO Staff**

**Mike Petit de Mange, MPO Staff**

**Frank DeFroda, Whisman Giordano**

**Nikolas Reckner, Whisman Giordano**

**1. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS & GUESTS**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**3. PRESENTATION: FY2025 Whisman Giordano draft audit / Frank DeFroda, Nikolas Reckner (enclosure)**

Mr. Reckner presented the FY 2025 Audit. It was a clean Audit. Whisman Giordano encountered no significant difficulties. Whisman recommended establishing an accounting procedure and a written capitalization process. Two findings from previous years were resolved. The first resolved issue was checks being held at the end of the year; a process is now in place so that entries are posted properly to the correct fiscal year, without the need to hold checks. The second issue resolved was year-end practices, and the MPO will work with the auditors to ensure they are completed.

MOTION By Mr. Sisson to accept as presented. Seconded by Ms. Bryson.  
Motion carried.

**4. \*\*\*\*\*MEMBER REPORTS\*\*\*\*\***

None



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## 5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Ms. Smith shared that the building the MPO resides in sustained water damage due to an incident on February 2, 2026. The MPO office has minimal damage, but the building is closed to the public until further notice. The MPO has no phones, and the first-floor meeting room is unavailable because the Town needs to use it to continue operating. • The UPWP for FY27 received four project requests. Plus 3 MPO projects. The US113 corridor project will continue into FY27. The MPO received an SS4A grant for a US13 corridor safety project. The biggest significant change is a 25 percent increase in health care costs. 3 percent cola and other fixed costs will remain largely unchanged. • April/May PAC/TAC/Council meetings will need to find alternate locations. The FY27 UPWP will be on the agenda for approval as well as the Airport Road corridor study by the Rossi group. • AMPO is supporting the BASICS Act as part of the Transportation Reauthorization Bill.

## 6. ADJOURN:

MOTION By Mr. Sisson to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Bryson.  
Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING: May 6, 2026 @ 3 PM**

**Due to water damage, Camden Town Hall is closed to the public. If you attend the meeting in person, MPO Staff will meet you at the door to let you into the building and escort you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.**