

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-34

RE-APPOINTMENT OF DAVID MORRIS AND REBECCA WHARTON TO THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, under Article VI, Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“Authority”), the Board of Trustees is authorized to establish special advisory committees; and

WHEREAS, in its efforts to provide greater transparency, to seek community input, and to improve relationships between the community and the Authority in the modern policing environment, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 2022-82 on August 23, 2022 creating an independent Civilian Oversight Committee (“COC”); and

WHEREAS, the COC’s purpose is to review public complaints filed against the Authority’s Transit Police Department employees; and

WHEREAS, the COC receives, reviews, investigates, and makes recommendations for the resolution of public complaints regarding alleged misconduct by Transit Police Department employees; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 222.05(e) of the Codified Rules and Regulations of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“Code Book”), COC Members receive unlimited transit privileges during their service and will be compensated in the amount of one thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$1,800.00) per year, paid at a rate of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month.

WHEREAS, under Section 222.05(b)(1) of the Code Book, the Board of Trustees is required to maintain seven (7) members on the COC; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole for the Board of Trustees reviewed and considered the following two members of the COC for re-appointment:

Morris, David: David has 20+ years of HR experience, with job duties and responsibilities including handling investigations of employee misconduct and citizen complaints. David is currently completing his doctorate in Law and Public Policy and working as an HR Consultant.

Wharton, Rebecca: Rebecca presently works as the HR manager for Range Impact and has responsibility and oversight of over 60 company clients. Rebecca has a history of working in a multitude of HR-related positions including the management of all aspects of HR duties and responsibilities. Rebecca also worked as a constituent liaison for the State of Ohio’s Department of Public Safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That current COC Members David Morris and Rebecca Wharton shall be re-appointed as members to a new three-year term expiring December 31, 2027.


Section 2. That David Morris and Rebecca Wharton shall receive the compensation granted to COC Members in accordance to Section 222.05(e) of the Code Book, which shall be paid from the Secretary/Treasurer - Board of Trustees department budget.

Section 3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: February 25, 2025



President

Attest: 

Secretary-Treasurer



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	Date: February 20, 2025
	Initiator: Board of Trustees
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

- 1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: This resolution will authorize the re-appointment of two members to the Civilian Oversight Committee ("COC") for a new three-year term.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The COC is intended to give voice to the community and enhance transparency and accountability through an independent review and investigation of complaints of excessive use of force incidents and public complaints regarding GCRTA's Transit Police ("TP") employees. David Morris and Rebecca Wharton have been active and engaged members of the COC during the first year of the COC. Re-appointment of these two COC members will maintain full membership of the COC.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Under Section 222.05(b)(1) of the Codified Rules and Regulations of the Authority ("Code Book"), the Board of Trustees shall maintain seven (7) members on the COC who are representative of the diverse communities within Cuyahoga County, Ohio.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: Members of the COC will receive unlimited transit privileges during their service. They will also be compensated in the amount of one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800.00) per year, paid at a rate of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month. Compensation for COC members is paid from the Secretary/Treasurer – Board of Trustees department budget.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Not adopt this resolution. The COC will not have full membership.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: The two candidates for re-appointment to the COC were reviewed and considered at the February 4, 2025 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. It is recommended that this resolution is passed re-appointing David Morris and Rebecca Wharton for a full three-year term to the COC.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: None

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.


General Manager, Chief Executive Officer