

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-47

APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS 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, investigates, and makes recommendations for the resolution of public complaints regarding alleged misconduct by Transit Police employees; and

WHEREAS, COC members receive unlimited transit privileges during their service and are 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; and

WHEREAS, under Section 222.05(b)(1) of the Codified Rules and Regulations of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Code Book"), the Board of Trustees is required to appoint seven (7) members to serve on the COC; and

WHEREAS, under Section D(6)(c) of the Operating Procedures of the COC, all vacancies on the COC shall be filled in the same manner as initial appointments under Section 222.05(b)(1) of the Code Book; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees created an Ad Hoc Selection Committee for interviewing applicants to the COC; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Selection Committee interviewed applicants for the COC vacancies and recommended to the Board of Trustees appointment of the following two (2) candidates to the COC:

Blake, Michael: Michael served time as a Military Police Officer for the United States Army and dedicated 35 years of his life serving as a firefighter for the City of Cleveland. During his tenure as a firefighter, Michael worked his way through the ranks from Firefighter, to Lieutenant, to Captain, and, finally, to Battalion Chief.

England, Jonathan: Jonathan has served in numerous managerial and supervisory roles over the last 17 years. Jonathan has experience and expertise with safety programs, policies, and regulations, with a focus on the transportation industry.

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

Section 1. That candidates Michael Blake and Jonathan England shall be appointed as members of the COC to fill the remainder of the vacant terms expiring December 31, 2025.

Section 2. That the compensation for the COC members 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: June 25, 2024



President

Attest: 

Secretary/Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	Resolution No.: 2024-47
	Date: June 20, 2024
	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 appoint two new members to the Civilian Oversight Committee ("COC") of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The COC is intended to give voice to the community and enhance transparency and accountability through an independent review of public complaints regarding alleged misconduct by Transit Police employees. Appointment of these two COC members will fill all remaining vacancies on the COC.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Under Section D(6)(c) of the Operating Procedures of the COC, the Board of Trustees ("Board") shall fill vacancies on the COC in the same manner as original appointments to the COC under Section 222.05(b)(1) of the Codified Rules and Regulations of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Code Book").
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: Members of the COC receive unlimited transit privileges during their service. Members of the COC are also 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 adopting this resolution. The COC will not have full membership.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: The two candidates for appointment to the COC were chosen after an extensive application and interview process conducted by an Ad Hoc Selection Committee consisting of 3 Board members, as well as after review and consideration by the whole Board. It is recommended that the resolution be passed appointing the two members to the vacancies on 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