



## MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following meeting of the Civilian Oversight Committee of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority will take place on **Tuesday September 24, 2024**, in the Board Room of the Authority, 1240 West Sixth Street, Cleveland, OH 44113 for consideration of the listed items and such other items that may properly come before the Committee and be acted upon. Members of the public may attend in person.

The meeting package will be posted on RTA's website at (<https://www.riderta.com/coc>), on RTA's Facebook page, and RTA's Twitter page.

5:00 P.M. Civilian Oversight Committee

Executive Session Requested –

- To enable the COC to conference with GCRTA attorneys for information-gathering, fact-finding, and to receive legal advice.
- To consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual.

Disposition of Complaint Number #C24-003

Executive Session Requested –

- To consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'India L. Birdsong Terry'.

India L. Birdsong Terry  
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer

## AGENDA

### CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

5:00 p.m.

Committee Members: Mr. David Morris, Chair  
Ms. Jakolya Gordon, Vice-Chair  
Ms. Elisa Hara Auvil  
Mr. Michael Blake  
Mr. Jonathan England  
Mr. George Taylor  
Ms. Rebecca Wharton

Board of Trustees Liaison: Ms. Lauren R. Welch

Transit Police/  
GCRTA Liaison: Commander Orlando Hudson

Executive Assistant/  
COC Secretary: Ms. Emily Bailey

- I. Call to order.
- II. Roll Call.
- III. Certification regarding notice of committee meeting.
- IV. Approval of July 30, 2024, meeting minutes
- V. Executive Session Requested:
  - To enable the COC to conference with GCRTA attorneys for information-gathering, fact-finding, and to receive legal advice.
  - To consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual.
- VI. Final Summary of Complaint Number #C24 -003.
- VII. Review of Complaint Number #C24-004.
- VIII. Executive Session Requested:
  - To consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual.
- IX. New business.
  - Reports and Announcements
- X. Adjourn.

## Minutes

Greater Cleveland RTA Civilian Oversight Committee  
5:13 p.m., Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Civilian Oversight Committee Members:** Elise Auvil, Michael Blake, Jonathan England, Jakolya Gordon, David Morris, George Taylor, Rebecca Wharton

**Not present:** None

**Staff:** Bailey, Caver, Darden, Fields, Flachbart, Fleig, Hudson, Miller, Schreiner, Sulik,

**Public:** Durbin

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 p.m. There were seven (7) Committee members present.

It was advised that notice of this meeting had been posted more than twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting, that the usual notification had been given the news media and other interested persons, and that all requirements of the Ohio Revised Code and Rules and Bylaws of the Board of Trustees regarding notice of meeting had been complied with.

### Approval of the May 28, 2024, COC Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Auvil and seconded by Ms. Wharton. A Roll Call Vote was taken; Mr. Morris – Yes, Ms. Gordon – Yes, Ms. Auvil – Yes, Mr. Blake – Abstain, Mr. England – Abstain, Mr. Taylor – Yes, Ms. Wharton – Yes. The minutes were approved.

### Introduction of the 2 New Committee Members

Ms. Bailey stated that joining the meeting were the 2 new members that were sworn in at the June GCRTA Board of Trustees Meeting, Mr. Michael Blake and Mr. Jonathan England. With these 2 new members the committee is now at their full complement of 7 members.

### Executive Session Requested

5:16 p.m. – it was moved by Ms. Auvil and seconded by Ms. Wharton that the committee enter executive session to enable the COC to conference with GCRTA attorneys for information-gathering, fact-finding, and to receive legal advice. A Roll Call Vote was taken; Mr. Morris – Yes, Ms. Gordon – Yes, Ms. Auvil – Yes, Mr. Blake – Abstain, Mr. England – Abstain, Mr. Taylor – Yes, Ms. Wharton – Yes. The motion carries.

5:25 p.m. – It was moved by Ms. Wharton and seconded by Ms. Auvil to come out of executive session. A Roll Call Vote was taken; Mr. Morris – Yes, Ms. Gordon – Yes, Ms. Auvil – Yes, Mr. Blake – Abstain, Mr. England – Abstain, Mr. Taylor – Yes, Ms. Wharton – Yes. The motion carries.

### Final Summary of Complaint Number #C24-002

Mr. Morris stated that for complaint #C24-002, on the first issue of whether the officer refused to take a report or a complaint, the committee found the issue to be unfounded. For the second issue of whether the officer acted unprofessional during his interaction with the complainant, the committee found the issue to be unfounded. Mr. Morris stated that based on the findings there was no further action recommended by the committee.

It was moved by Ms. Wharton and seconded by Ms. Gordon that the committee accept these findings as written in the Final Summary of Complaint #C24-002. Roll Call Vote was taken; Mr. Morris – Yes, Ms. Gordon – Yes, Ms. Auvil – Yes, Mr. Blake – Abstain, Mr. England – Abstain, Mr. Taylor – Yes, Ms. Wharton – Yes. The motion carries.

It was moved by Ms. Wharton and seconded by Mr. Taylor that the members of the committee suspend rules (H)(1) and (H)(2) of the Operating Procedures of the Civilian Oversight Committee to allow the committee to review and investigate Complaint #C24-003. Roll Call Vote was taken; Mr. Morris – Yes, Ms. Gordon – Yes, Ms. Auvil – Yes, Mr. Blake – Yes, Mr. England – Yes, Mr. Taylor – Yes, Ms. Wharton – Yes. The motion carries.

#### Executive Session Requested

5:30 p.m. – It was motioned by Ms. Auvil and seconded by Ms. Wharton that the committee enter executive session to consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual. Roll Call Vote was taken; Mr. Morris – Yes, Ms. Gordon – Yes, Ms. Auvil – Yes, Mr. Blake – Yes, Mr. England – Yes, Mr. Taylor – Yes, Ms. Wharton – Yes. The motion carries.

7:06 p.m. – It was moved by Ms. Auvil and seconded by Mr. Taylor to come out of executive session. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Morris, Yes; Ms. Gordon, Yes; Ms. Auvil, Yes; Mr. Blake, Yes; Mr. England, Yes; Mr. Taylor, Yes; Ms. Wharton – Excused.

#### Complaint #C24-003

It was moved by Mr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Auvil to complete the review of Complaint #C24-003 and await issuance of the Final Summary by Chair Morris. A Roll Call Vote was taken; Mr. Morris, Yes; Ms. Gordon, Yes; Ms. Auvil, Yes; Mr. Blake, Yes; Mr. England, Yes; Mr. Taylor, Yes; Ms. Wharton – Excused. Chair Morris indicated a Final Summary for Complaint #C24-003 will be forthcoming for the next regularly scheduled meeting.

#### New Business

None

#### Upcoming Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Civilian Oversight Committee Meeting is Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5pm in the Board Room of the Authority, Root-McBride Building, 1240 West Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113. The public is welcome to attend in person.

#### Adjourn

7:13 p.m. – It was moved by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Taylor that the meeting be adjourned. There were six (6) ayes, and none opposed. The meeting was adjourned.