

## Minutes

Greater Cleveland RTA Civilian Oversight Committee  
5:19 p.m., Tuesday, January 30, 2024

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

**Not present:** None

**Staff:** Bailey, Birdsong Terry, Burney, Caver, Darden, Fields, Fleig, Flachbart, Gettings, Hudson, Sulik, Woodford

**Public:** None

The meeting was called to order at 5:19 p.m. There were five (5) committee members present for the Civilian Oversight Committee.

Ms. Lauren Welch (GCRTA BOT) Welcomed the Committee members and asked General Manager Ms. Birdsong Terry to welcome the Committee.

Ms. Birdsong Terry welcomed the committee members and thanked them for their time and effort to make this Committee happen. She also acknowledged the Command staff that were present and thanked them for their support.

Ms. Welch then let the Committee know that there were two resignations on the Committee and that the Board and staff are actively campaigning for applications.

### Office of the chair

It was moved by Ms. Wharton, seconded by Ms. Auvil for the Civilian Oversight Committee to elect Mr. David Morris as Chair for the Committee  
There were five (5) ayes and none opposed.

### Office of the Vice-Chair

It was moved by Ms. Wharton, seconded by Ms. Auvil for the Civilian Oversight Committee to elect Ms. Jakolya Gordon as Vice-Chair for the Committee.  
There were five (5) ayes and none opposed.

COC Member training update- Commander Hudson gave an update to the public on training the Civilian Oversight Committee members went through after being selected. Commander Hudson mentioned that the Committee also gave a lot of feedback about the training and offered recommendations on what could be done differently. Commander Hudson assured the committee that moving forward the training schedule would be revised to best meet the needs of the committee.

### New Business

It was moved by Ms. Wharton, seconded by Ms. Auvil for the Civilian Oversight Committee to establish a reoccurring meeting schedule for every other month. The dates agreed upon were 3/26/24, 5/28/24, 7/30/24, 9/24/24, 11/19/24.  
There were five (5) ayes and none opposed.

### Closing Remarks

Dr. Floun'say Caver thanked the committee for their time and commitment to assist the GCRTA Police Department with adopting 21<sup>st</sup> century policing strategies. Dr. Caver mentioned the Transit Ambassadors and the great work they are doing as well as the de-escalation training the entire police department goes through.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.