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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 November 18, 2025,** 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).

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.

India L. Birdsong Terry
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

AGENDA

CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Committee Members:	Mr. Jonathan England, Chair Mr. David Morris, Vice-Chair Ms. Elise Hara Auvil Mr. Michael Blake Ms. Jakolya Gordon Mr. George Taylor Ms. Rebecca Wharton
Board of Trustees Liaison:	Mayor Marie Gallo
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 September 30, 2025, meeting minutes.

V. Introduction of Mayor Gallo as new Board of Trustees Liaison for the COC.

VI. Executive Session Requested:
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VII. New business.
- Reports and Announcements

VIII. Old Business

IX. Adjourn.

Minutes

Greater Cleveland RTA Civilian Oversight Committee
5:01 p.m., Tuesday, September 30th, 2025

Civilian Oversight Committee Members: Michael Blake, Jonathan England, Jakolya Gordon, David Morris, Rebecca Wharton

Not present: Elise Auvil, George Taylor

GCRTA BOT: None

Staff: Bailey, Caver, Darden, Degraffinried, Hudson, Medlong, Sulik

Public: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. There were five (5) 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 to 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 July 29, 2025, COC Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Wharton and seconded by Ms. Gordon for approval. All were in favor, and none opposed. Mr. Morris abstained from voting. The minutes were approved.

Introduction of Complaint Number C25-004

Mr. England announced that the COC received a new complaint for review, C25-004.

Executive Session Requested

5:04 p.m. – it was moved by Ms. Wharton and seconded by Ms. Gordon that the Committee enter executive session to consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. England –Yes, Mr. Morris – Yes, Mr. Blake – Yes, Ms. Gordon – Yes, Ms. Wharton – Yes. There are five (5) ayes, motion carries.

5:43 p.m. – It was moved by Ms. Wharton and seconded by Ms. Gordon to come out of executive session. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. England –Yes, Mr. Morris – Yes, Mr. Blake – Yes, Ms. Gordon – Yes, Ms. Wharton – Yes. There are five (5) ayes, motion carries.

Discussion / Action regarding Complaint Number C25-004

For Complaint Number C25-004 there were two issues identified, and the COC addressed each issue in turn.

Issue 1

Issue 1: Did Officer Clausing purposely shine the spotlight at Fredrick Drew Jr. and his child?

Ms. Wharton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gordon, that the Committee find Issue One to be "Exonerated." There were five (5) ayes and none opposed. The motion carries.

Issue 2

Does Officer Clausing consistently harass Frederick Dre Jr. while on duty?

Ms. Wharton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morris, that the Committee find Issue Two to be "Not Sustained." There were five (5) ayes and none opposed. The motion carries.

New Business

Reports and Announcements

Mr. Morris wanted to state for the record and as a reminder to all Transit Police Officers to turn on their Body Worn Cameras as soon as possible.

Ms. Wharton wanted to thank RTA staff and Ms. Bailey for organizing the Social Gathering they had last month. It was a great opportunity to get to know each other better and they are grateful to the RTA for allowing them that opportunity.

Adjourn

5:48 p.m. – It was moved by Ms. Wharton and seconded by Ms. Gordon that the meeting be adjourned. There were five (5) ayes, and none opposed. The meeting was adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled Civilian Oversight Committee Meeting is Tuesday November 18, 2025, 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.