

RTA Committee Meeting and Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Committee of the Whole

Chair: Rev. Charles P. Lucas

Executive Session

Office of the Vice President



Civilian Oversight Committee (COC)

Committee of the Whole Board

September 26, 2023





CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Phase 1 – Initiate 10/1/21 – 7/29/22

- Present the Board with initial concept
- Gather necessary resources to support development of COC – *COMPLETED*

Phase 2 – Plan 6/1/22 – 8/30/22

- Develop necessary plans; seek BOT approval
- Review/finalize proposed Operating Procedures
- BOT to pass resolution for creation of COC – *COMPLETED*

Phase 3A – Execute 8/31/22 – 11/28/22

- BOT approves finalized Operating Procedures – *COMPLETED*

Phase 3B – Execute 1/12/23 – 9/30/23

- Recruit and screen applications through 4/30/23 - *COMPLETED*
- Ad Hoc Selection Committee interviews candidates through 8/18/23 - *COMPLETED*
- BOT appoints seven members to COC – *WE ARE HERE*

Phase 4 – Control 9/30/23 – 12/31/23

- COC members receive training
- COC Evaluation system established & implemented
- COC members continue training activities

Phase 5 – Close Project 1/01/24

- COC becomes operational unit
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PURPOSE

- To review/investigate public complaints filed against GCRTA Transit Police employees and make recommendations
- Recommendations must be consistent with GCRTA/TP rules, policies, procedures, collective bargaining agreement



POLICE OVERSIGHT

- Increases police accountability
- May assist in liability management/reduce the likelihood of costly litigation
- May identify areas of concern/offer options to improve policing
- Helps improve quality of Internal Affairs investigations
- Increase public understanding of police policies and procedures
- Fosters communication between community and police



MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS

- Ability to remain objective/unbiased
- Reflect customer base
- At least 18 years of age
- Resident of Cuyahoga County
- No criminal history
- General understanding of GCRTA and TP services



COMMITTEE SELECTION

- Written Application
- Screening Committee (filters out unqualified candidates)
- Ad Hoc Selection Committee
 - Committee Chair Lauren R. Welch
 - Mayor Paul A. Koomar
 - Mayor David E. Weiss
- Board of Trustees makes final appointment from Ad Hoc Selection Committee's recommended candidates

COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

- Seven individuals from diverse communities within Cuyahoga County
- At least one retired police officer with Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) training and investigative experience
- Selected by application to the COC by the Board of Trustees
- Terms for COC members shall be three years (staggered)
 - Three initial appointments for three years
 - Two initial appointments for two years
 - Two initial appointments for one year

Ad Hoc Selection Committee's Recommended Candidates for Initial 3-Year Terms

- **Auvil, Elise:** Elise has served as an assistant public defender in both Philadelphia and Cleveland and served as an associate counsel for GCRTA from 1997 to 2003. Elise was also the former Chief of Staff for Mayor Justin Bibb. Elise is currently the Human Resources Consultant for EHA Solutions, Ltd. and has held that role for 8 years.
- **Gordon, Jakolya:** Jakolya has been a member of various community organizations including the Cuyahoga County Child Fatality Review Committee, Alliance for HOPE International, and the Alcohol, Drug, Addiction, & Mental Health Services Board. Jakolya currently works as a program specialist for the Cuyahoga County Public Safety & Justice Services and has held that role for 13 years.
- **Taylor, George (OPOTA trained, retired police officer):** George is a retired uniformed police officer who served the Toledo Police Department for more than 30 years. After retiring from service as a police officer, George continued to serve the community in various roles such as the Director of Public Safety and Justice Services for Cuyahoga County and the Chief Deputy of the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department.

Ad Hoc Selection Committee's Recommended Candidates for Initial 2-Year Terms

- **Clary, Timothy:** Timothy has experience working as an attorney in a private firm handling litigation as well as serving as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Cuyahoga County. Presently, Timothy is working as an assistant public defender in the Cuyahoga County Public Defender's Office.
- **Sims, Steven:** Steven has engaged in public service throughout Cuyahoga County and Cleveland in various roles, including at GCRTA as the Director of the Office of Business Development. Steven currently serves as the President/CEO of the Greater Cleveland Community Credit Union, a financial institution focused on serving the unbanked and underserved communities of Cuyahoga County.

Ad Hoc Selection Committee's Recommended Candidates for Initial 1-Year Term

- **Morris, David:** David has 20+ years of HR experience, with job duties and responsibilities including handling investigations of employee misconduct and citizen complaints. David presently works as the Human Resources Manager for the City of Bedford Heights.
- **Wharton, Rebecca:** Rebecca presently works as the HR manager for Malachite Innovations, L.L.C. and has responsibility and oversight of over 60 company clients. Rebecca has a history 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.

Recommendation


On behalf of the Ad Hoc Selection Committee, Staff requests that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Board of Trustees the appointment of the seven recommended candidates as members of the Civilian Oversight Committee.



Code of Conduct for Board-Appointed Committee Members

Committee of the Whole Board
September 26, 2023

Recommended Code of Conduct



**BOARD-APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBER
CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a citizen appointed as a Member of a Committee of the Board of Trustees ("Board") of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("GCRTA"), you are considered a representative of the public. The Board supports and expects that its public servants, paid or volunteer, are committed to the highest ideals, quality service, and proper conduct. By signing this Code of Conduct, you agree to the following:

1. I will be present for all required meetings of my Committee, to the extent possible.
2. I will take necessary steps to be informed about issues being considered by my Committee.
3. I will respect the rights, dignity, and worth of all citizens, peers, public officials, and GCRTA employees.
4. I will be a positive role model and actively promote public confidence in GCRTA through my actions.
5. I will welcome, respect, and consider divergent points of view.
6. My language, manner, preparation, and follow-through will demonstrate courtesy and professionalism.
7. I will not represent myself as having any greater authority than that of a Committee member.
8. I will carefully avoid conflicts of interest and will refrain from taking any actions that may be perceived as a conflict of interest.
9. I will accept feedback from the Board in order to offer the most effective service in my role.
10. I will not accept any compensation for my service to GCRTA other than that which may be authorized by the Board, and I will not accept anything of value from any third party for performing my duties.
11. I will not make any effort to influence Board members or GCRTA officials or employees to act in a manner benefiting my personal and/or financial interests.
12. I understand that failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in my dismissal or non-reappointment.

Printed Name: _____

Board/Committee: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Recommended Code of Conduct – Accompanying Oath

I, Appointed Committee Member, do hereby solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio and that I will honestly, faithfully and impartially perform the duties required of me as a member of the Civilian Oversight Committee of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.

Recommendation

On behalf of the Ad Hoc Selection Committee, Staff requests that the Committee of the Whole vote to adopt a Code of Conduct for any Board-appointed committee comprised of members of the public.

RTA Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Public Comments – Agenda Items

- In person
- Phone: 440-276-4600
- Web form at www.riderta.com/events
 - Click/Select meeting event
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 - Comments will be sent to Board and staff

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Committee Reports



New Hires and Promotions

September 2023



September New Hires



Brian Schultz
Construction Engineer



Carla Schober
IT/Trainer Analyst



Edgar Ryan
Equipment Servicer



William Slade
Hostler



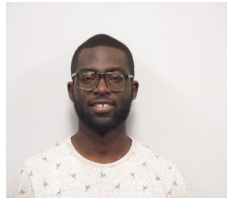
Tyran Carlisle
Hostler



Jonathan Bruce
Hostler



Daniel O'Malley
Manager Central
Facilities



Elijah Ballah
Transit Police Officer



Eric Haunn
Transit Police Officer

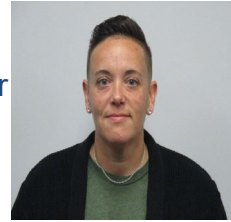
September New Hires



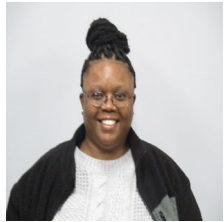
Felix Lopez
Transit Police Officer



Ashley Santa
Transit Police Officer



Heather Bruner
Transit Police Officer



Alecia Miller
Transit
Ambassador



Jeffrey Pickett
Laborer



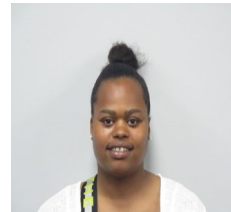
Rayshawn Ligon
Laborer



Tenisha Robinson
Laborer



Romell Ramsey
Laborer

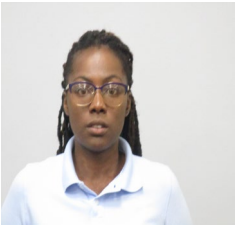


Dynasti Fields
Laborer

September New Hires



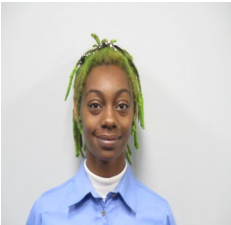
Dontez Frost
Laborer



Nicole Blevins
Operator



Brian Cotter
Operator



Marshell Morris
Operator



Terrance Beavers
Operator



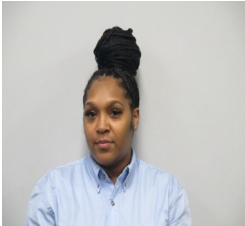
Jacqueline Baines
Operator



Chateria Walker
Operator



Kenneth Lamar
Operator



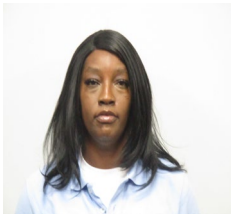
Somone Woods
Operator



September New Hires



Camille McCoy
Operator



Takeyshia Sawyers
Operator



DaJuan Payne
Operator



Damascus Williams
Operator



David Perry
Operator



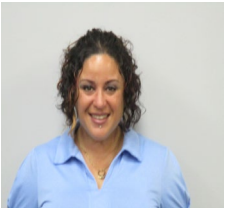
Ariell Terrell
Operator



Derrica Sutton
Operator



Lorenzo Curry
Operator



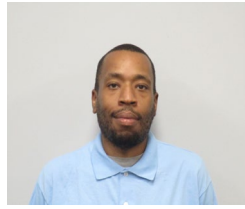
Jessica Vicens
Operator



September New Hires



Malesse Rowdy
Operator



Karl See
Operator

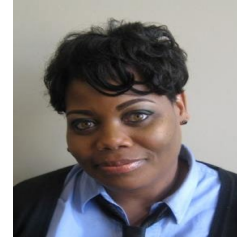
September Promotions



Sherrelle Scott
Training Coordinator



Gerald Waite
Crossed Trained
Supervisor



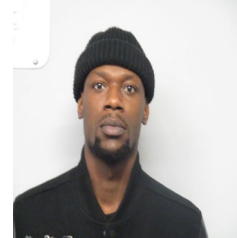
Elaine Douglas
Claims Investigator



Maurice Goodwin
Crew Chief



Kathleen McGervey
Engineering Project
Mgr.



Latrell Moats
Hostler

Resolutions

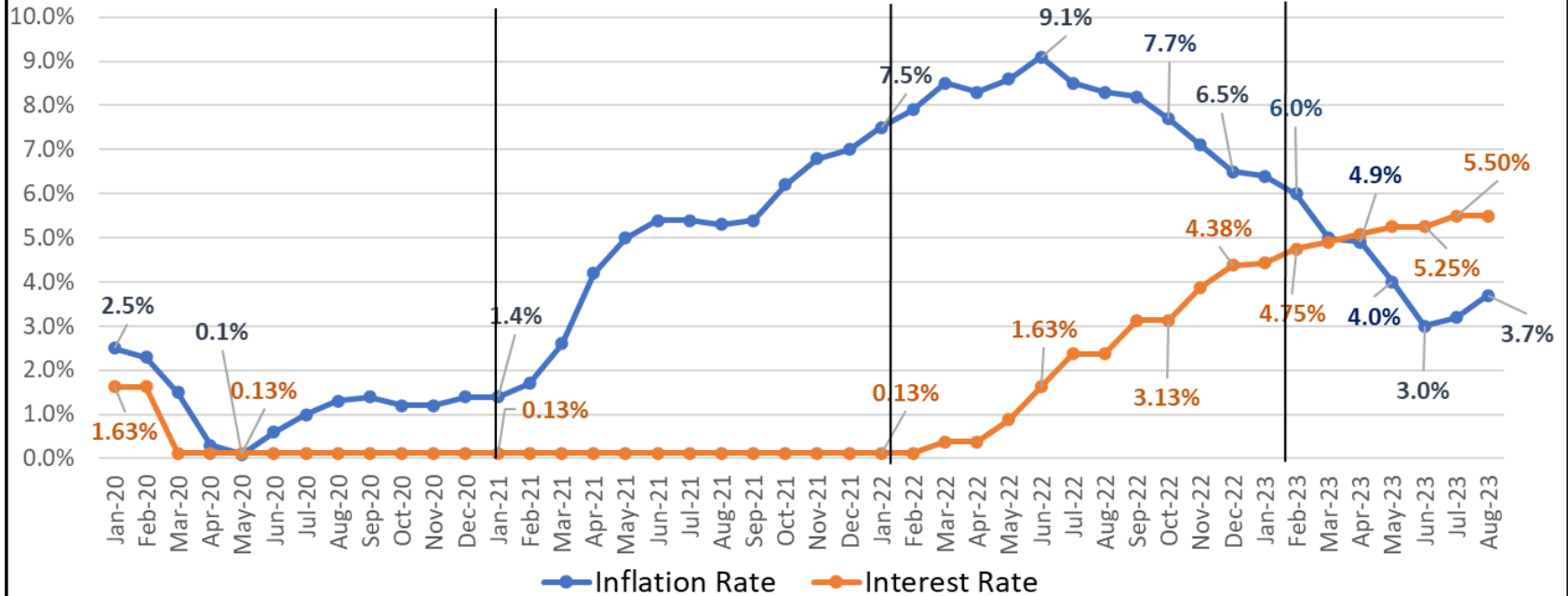
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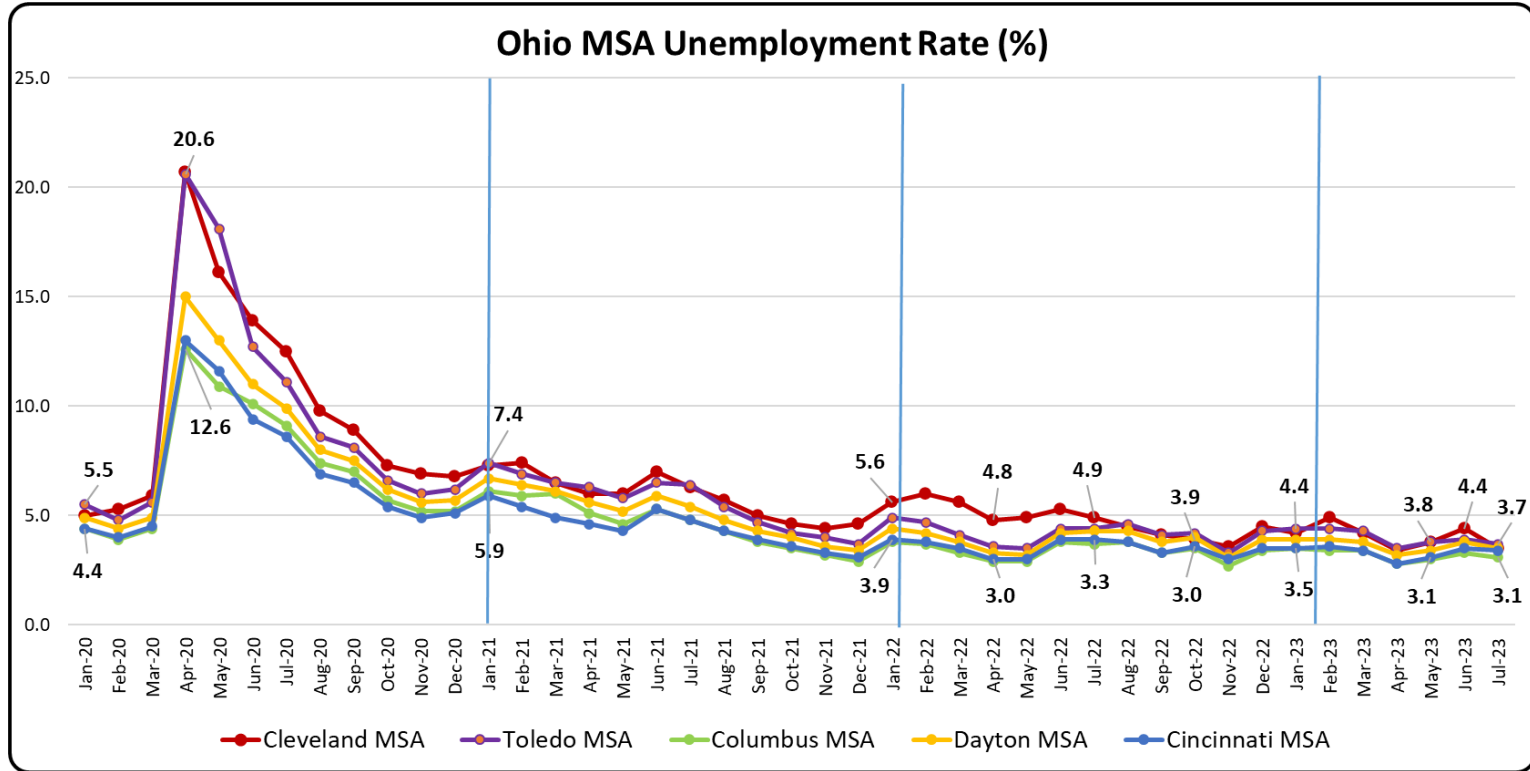
Board of Trustees

Economic Conditions

Inflation Rate & Interest Rate by Month



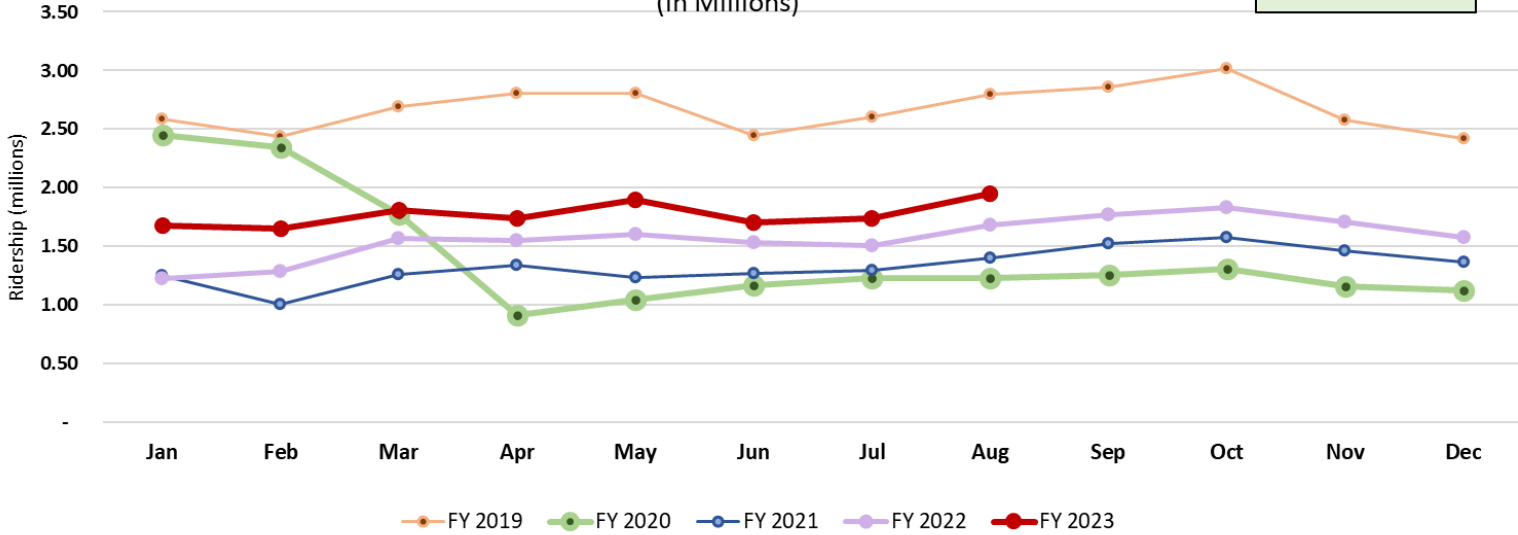
Economic Conditions



Ridership

Ridership by Month
2019 through 2023
(in Millions)

YTD: 2023 vs. 2022
18.6%



YTD Ridership (in millions)

- 2019: 21.18
- 2020: 12.13
- 2021: 10.04
- 2022: 11.94
- 2023: 14.16**



Passenger Fares

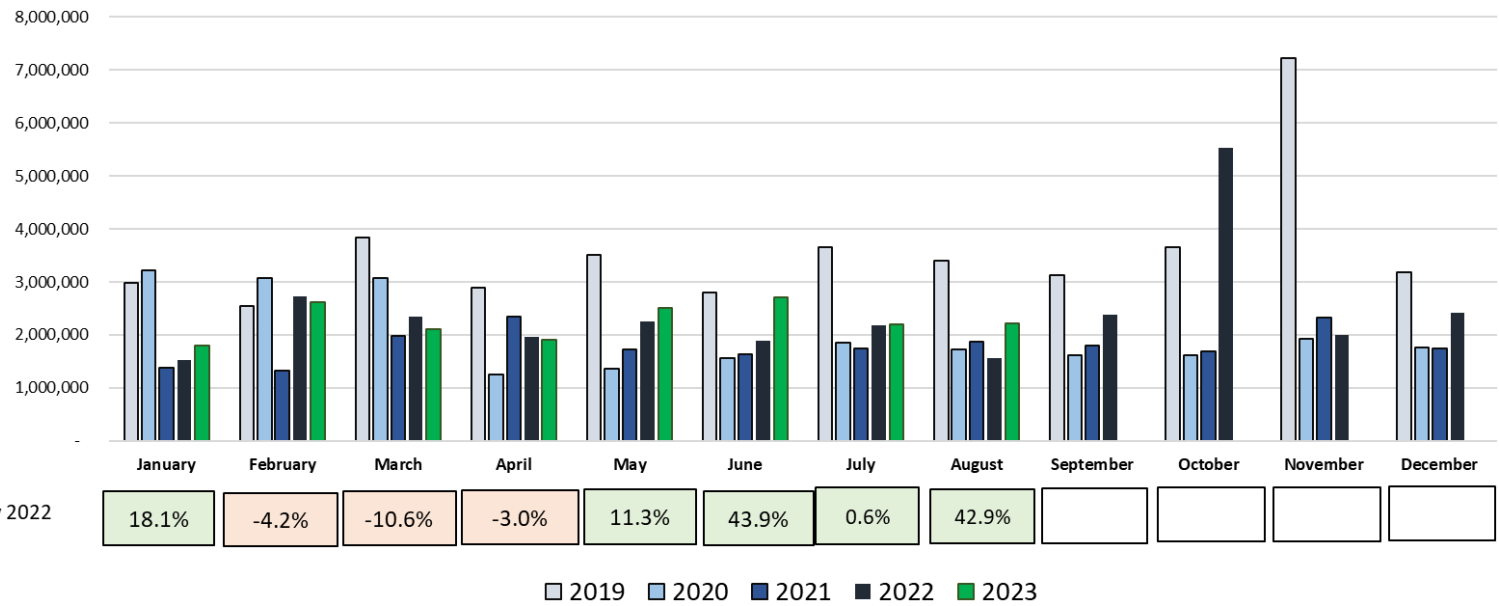
Passenger Fares
2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023

YTD Variance
(2023 v. 2022)
9.8%

YTD Passenger
Fares

(in millions)

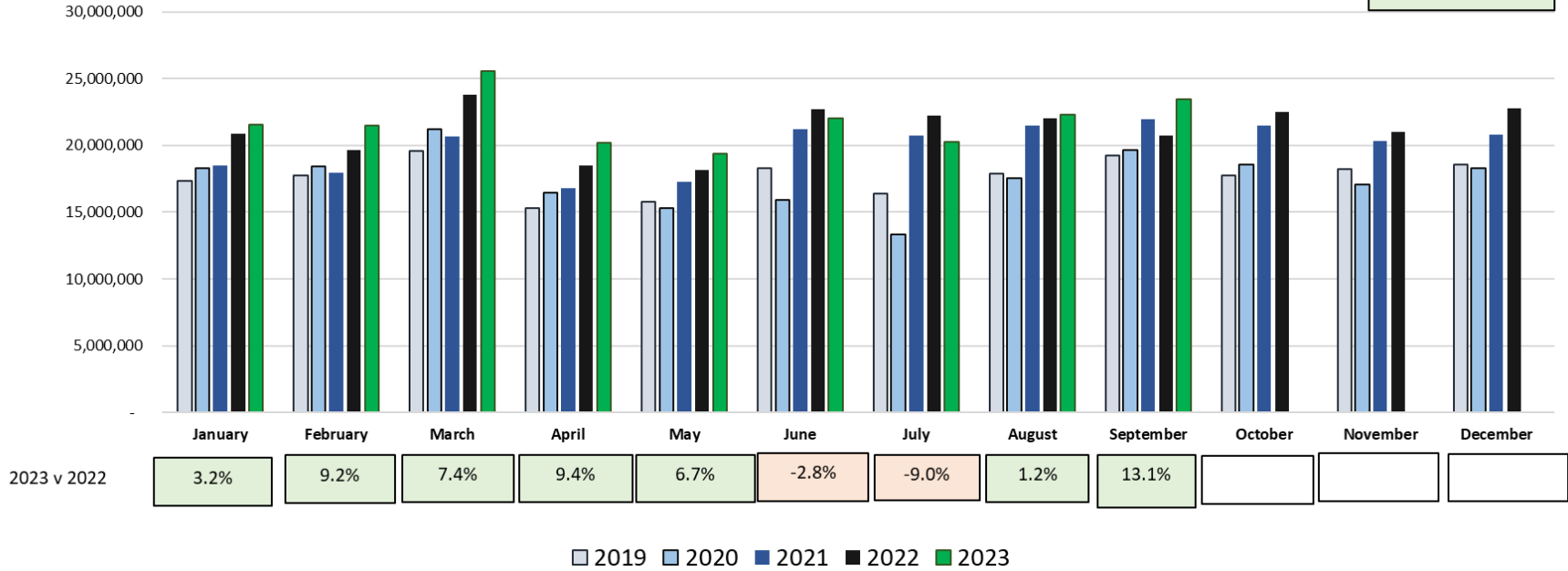
2019: 25.61
2020: 17.13
2021: 14.00
2022: 16.43
2023: 18.05



Sales Tax

**Sales & Use Tax
2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023**

**YTD Variance
(2023 vs. 2022)
4.0%**



Questions



General Manager, CEO Report

India L. Birdsong Terry

September 26, 2023



GCRTA Transit Police Honor Guard



September 2, 2023 | Progressive Field

- GCRTA Transit Police presented colors during the National Anthem before the Guardians vs. Rays baseball game
- Honor Guard Team Members – Sgt. Timothy Hassing, Sgt. Christopher Priore, Sgt. John Tekautz, Sgt. Christopher Anderson, Detective Todd Miller, and Patrol Officer Jason Koncz
- Cleveland Guardians won the game in extra innings over the Tampa Bay Rays, 7-6

Waterfront Line Reopening Celebration

September 8, 2023 | Flats East Bank Station

Special ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a train ride over the rehabilitated Waterfront Line Bridge



Event speakers included:

- India L. Birdsong Terry, General Manager & CEO
- **Reverend Charles P. Lucas, Board President**
- Ted Tywang, Chief Administrative Officer & General Council, Haslam Sports Group, Cleveland Browns
- Michael J. Schipper, Deputy General Manager, Engineering & Project Management
- Bonnie Teeuwen, Chief Operating Officer, City of Cleveland
- Dr. Floun'say R. Caver, Deputy General Manager, Operations

Special guest speakers included:

- Congresswoman Shontel M. Brown
- State Representative Bride Rose Sweeney
- Cleveland City Council President Blaine A. Griffin



Ohio Needs Transit Conference & OPTA Expo 2023

September 18-20, 2023 | Columbus, Ohio

This Conference offers opportunities to learn about innovation and progress being made within the transit industry as well as be a place for members of transit to network and share ideas.

Presenters:

- Maribeth Feke, Director of Programming and Planning, presented on Micro Mobility for Workforce
- Nate Robbins, Planner III, and Joseph Warnkin, Planner II, presented on Bus Stop Design and Placement

In attendance:

- External Affairs – Jose Feliciano
- Marketing – Kristie Cox, Allison Dykes, Sharon Jenkins, Chanel Steiner, Natoya Walker-Minor, & Rasheida Wimberly
- Planning – Maribeth Feke & Joseph Warnkin
- Service Management – Hau-Ting “James” Liou & Nate Robbins
- **GCRTA Board Member – Jeffrey W. Sleasman**



Transportation Review Advisory Council

TRAC Regional Presentation for projects in ODOT Districts

September 20, 2023 | Findlay, Ohio



Cuyahoga – GCRTA Light Rail Track Rehabilitation

- MPO (NOACA) Representatives are given the opportunity to provide a presentation on their project priorities, as it relates to TRAC projects
- 15 minutes total to share information and answer questions from TRAC
- RTA seeking \$26.7 million of TRAC funding over four years for this \$70 million program
- Program contains eight projects covering 10 miles
- Promotes ridership and TOD along the Light Rail line

Presenters @ TRAC

Dr. Floun'say Caver, Chief Operating Officer & DGM, Operations

Kathleen McGervey, Engineering Project Manager-Track • Engineering & Project Development

Present during TRAC

India L. Birdsong Terry, General Manager & CEO

Natoya Walker Minor, Deputy General Manager, Administration & External Affairs

Mayor David E. Weiss, Mayor for Shaker Heights – GCRTA Board Member

Ohio Transit Partnership Program (OTP2) Competitive Grant Award

Successful in securing award for ODOT FY 2024 funding for two projects:

- \$12.4M - towards funding replacement of rail vehicles
- \$200K - towards funding electric vehicle planning

Esperanza - Fiesta of Hope Scholarship Gala 2023



September 8, 2023 | Cleveland, Ohio

- Esperanza has 40 years of service to the community
- Esperanza continues to serve as a leader and advocate in education on behalf of the Hispanic/Latinx community.
 - Esperanza's youth leadership program is within nine schools throughout the Cleveland Metropolitan School District
 - 90 % of their students graduate High School, with 90 % graduating college
 - 96% of learners in the English language class as a second language, improved their language skills

In attendance:

José Feliciano, Ishmael Flores, Albert Johnson, James Liou, Jorge Lozada, Josh Miranda, Margaret Colon-Ramos, and

GCRTA Board Member – Jeffrey W. Sleasman

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority



“In Counsel with Women (ICWW) Annual Meeting”

August 16, 2023 | Shoreby Club, Cleveland

ICWW UPDATE



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – AUGUST 2023

Annual Meeting & Summer Reception – August 16 at Shoreby Club



New Members Vanessa Whiting, Mary Cierebiej, India Birdsong Terry, Michele Schrock, Laura Bloomberg, Niki Schaefer, Ann Aber. Missina: Lillian Kuri, Sarah Nash, Katrina Redmond, Airica Steed.

- Welcomed 11 new Board Members
 - India L. Birdsong Terry
- 180 women leaders in Northeast Ohio
- ICWW is a network of executive women, chosen from both profit and non-profit organizations who share a mission to develop professional and personal relationships among top women leaders in Northeast Ohio. The network is committed to be a resource for executive women to meet, grow and expand their sphere of influence, and have a positive impact on the community.

Public Comments

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