



Greater Cleveland
Regional Transit Authority

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SPECIAL 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 December 17, 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

Review of Complaint Number C24-007 and Complaint Number C24-010.

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', is written over the typed name and title.

India L. Birdsong Terry
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer

IBT: eb
Attachment

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Tuesday December 17, 2024

5:00 p.m.

Committee Members: Mr. David Morris, Chair
 Ms. Jakolya Gordon, Vice-Chair
 Ms. Elise 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. Review of Complaint Number C24-007 and Complaint Number C24-010.
- V. Executive Session Requested – To consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual.
- VI. Discussion/Action regarding Complaint Number C24-007.
- VII. Discussion/Action regarding Complaint Number C24-010.
- VIII. Adjourn.



GCRTA Transit Police Department

PUBLIC COMPLAINT FORM

Completed forms can be emailed to TPcomplaints@gcrt.org, mailed to the GCRTA Transit Police Department at ATTN: Transit Police; 1240 West 6th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113, or arrangements can be made to deliver the form by calling 216-356-3838. Upon receipt of a completed complaint form, the complaint will be assigned for investigation. Completed investigations will be classified as follows:

- **Sustained**- There is sufficient evidence to establish that the alleged act occurred and constituted misconduct.
- **Sustained in Part**- There is sufficient evidence to establish that one or more, but not all, alleged acts occurred.
- **Sustained for Violation Not Based on the Original Complaint**- There is sufficient evidence to establish that an act of misconduct occurred that was not part of the violations alleged in the Complaint.
- **Unfounded**- The alleged acts did not occur, did not involve Department personnel, or are frivolous.
- **Exonerated**- The alleged acts occurred, but were justified, lawful, and/or proper.
- **Not-sustained**- The facts and circumstances fail to establish if the conduct occurred.
- **Administratively Dismissed**-The complaint is not GCRTA related, does not involve a Transit Police employee, or is related to a service delay that is determined to be unavoidable.

COMPLAINANT

Name Ryan Bethards

Street Address [REDACTED] Apt. [REDACTED]

City Cleveland State Ohio Zip [REDACTED]

Mobile Phone [REDACTED] Home Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

Email Address _____ @ _____

SUBJECT(S) OF COMPLAINT Name(s), Badge Number(s), or Description(s) of accused personnel:

1. [REDACTED]
2. _____
3. _____

WITNESSES (If necessary, give names/phone numbers of additional witnesses in incident detail below)

1. Name _____ Phone Number _____
2. Name _____ Phone Number _____
3. Name _____ Phone Number _____


INCIDENT: Date 9/9/24 Time 1902 Ticket and/or Report Number _____
Location Tower City (50 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio)

Please provide details of the incident and the alleged misconduct, describe any sustained injuries and other facts related to the incident. Do not include unsubstantiated information such as gossip or rumor. Attach additional pages as necessary, including other reports or documentation, photographs, medical records, etc.

On Monday, the 9th of September 2024, I was outside Tower City when 3 males began swearing at me, threatened to call the police on me, and stated "if your recording me, I'm gonna get ya." Approached the Lieutenant to advise him and he began using a cell phone to record the conversation. I advised him that the males threatened me and asked him to do something about it. The Lieutenant stated that he wasn't going to do anything about the males and that it is because I am the problem.

I hereby state under penalty of Perjury (Revised Code 2921.11) that I am the complainant in this complaint, that I have prepared, read, and fully understand all matters set forth in this complaint, that this may result in an official investigation, and the information provided is true and complete to my knowledge.

I understand that filing a false report of misconduct against a Peace Officer is in violation of section 2921.15 of the Ohio Revised Code, a misdemeanor of the first degree.



Signature of Complainant



Complaint received by:

Printed Name and Signature of Representative Accepting Complaint Date Time

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

Investigating Supervisor _____

Investigative Actions: _____

Approved by _____ Date _____

Civilian Oversight Committee Recommendation:

___ Sustained ___ Sustained in Part ___ Sustained for Violation Not Based on Original Complaint
___ Unfounded ___ Exonerated ___ Non-sustained ___ Administratively Dismissed

Final Determination:

___ Sustained ___ Sustained in Part ___ Sustained for Violation Not Based on Original Complaint
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Email Address _____ @ _____

SUBJECT(S) OF COMPLAINT Name(s), Badge Number(s), or Description(s) of accused personnel:

1. Unknown Employee working in Transit Police Dispatch [REDACTED]
- _____
- _____

WITNESSES (If necessary, give names/phone numbers of additional witnesses in incident detail below)

- Name _____ Phone Number _____
- Name _____ Phone Number _____
- Name _____ Phone Number _____

INCIDENT: Date 10/19/24 Time 2315 Ticket and/or Report Number _____
Location 1240 W. 6th Street Cleveland, Ohio

Please provide details of the incident and the alleged misconduct, describe any sustained injuries and other facts related to the incident. Do not include unsubstantiated information such as gossip or rumor. Attach additional pages as necessary, including other reports or documentation, photographs, medical records, etc.

On Saturday, the 19th of October, 2024, I was monitoring a police scanner when I heard officers from the Cleveland Division of Police advise there were gun shots heard in the area of West 25th Street and Lorain Avenue. Officers on scene stated they were out at the GCRTA West 25th RTS speaking with a male, whom they later advised to leave the area due to the gun shots. I contacted Transit Police Dispatch and advised them there were Cleveland Police Officers at the station. The person who picked up the phone advised me that it was not their concern and hung up the phone on me. I called back and asked to speak to a supervisor.

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[Redacted Signature]

Signature of Complainant

[Redacted Date]

Date

Complaint received by:

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Printed Name and Signature of Representative Accepting Complaint

[Redacted Date]

Date

[Redacted Time]

Time

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Investigating Supervisor _____

Investigative Actions: _____

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Final Determination:

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