



Greater Cleveland  
Regional Transit Authority

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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 September 30, 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

Review of Complaint Number C25-004.

Executive Session Requested –

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

India L. Birdsong Terry  
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

## AGENDA

### CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 30, 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: 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 29, 2025, meeting minutes.
- V. Introduction of Complaint Number C25-004.
- VI. Executive Session Requested:
  - To consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual.
- VII. Discussion/Action regarding Complaint Number C25-004.
- VIII. New business.
  - Reports and Announcements
- IX. Old Business
- X. Adjourn.

## Minutes

Greater Cleveland RTA Civilian Oversight Committee  
5:05 p.m., Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

**Not present:** David Morris

**GCRTA BOT:** None

**Staff:** Bailey, Caver, Darden, Degraffinried, Flachbart, Gettings, Hudson, Sulik, Schreiner

**Public:** None

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. There were six (6) 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 May 27, 2025, COC Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Wharton and seconded by Ms. Auvil for approval. All were in favor, and none opposed. The minutes were approved.

### Introduction of Complaint Number C25-003

Mr. England announced that the COC received a new complaint for review, C25-003.

### Executive Session Requested

5:08 p.m. – it was moved by Ms. Wharton and seconded by Mr. Taylor that the Committee enter executive session to consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual, and 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. England –Yes, Ms. Auvil – Yes, Mr. Blake – Yes, Mr. Taylor – Yes, Ms. Wharton – Yes. There are six (6) ayes, motion carries.

6:27 p.m. – It was moved by Ms. Wharton and seconded by Mr. Taylor to come out of executive session. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. England –Yes, Ms. Auvil – Yes, Mr. Blake – Yes, Mr. Taylor – Yes, Ms. Wharton – Yes. There are six (6) ayes, motion carries.

### Discussion / Action regarding Complaint Number C25-003

For Complaint Number C25-003 there were four issues identified, and the COC addressed each issue in turn.

### **Issue 1**

Did the Transit Police Officers use their Duty weapon and Taser excessively or inappropriately when detaining the complainant?

Ms. Auvil made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wharton, that the Committee find Issue One to be "Exonerated." There were six (6) ayes and none opposed. The motion carries.

### **Issue 2**

Did Detective Weekley use excessive force when handcuffing the complainant?

Ms. Auvil made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wharton, that the Committee find Issue Two to be "Unfounded." There were six (6) ayes and none opposed. The motion carries.

### **Issue 3**

Did Detective Weekley cause injury to the complainant's wrist during his detention?

Ms. Auvil made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wharton, that the Committee find Issue Three to be "Not Sustained." There were six (6) ayes and none opposed. The motion carries.

### **Issue 4**

Was the detention of the complainant racially motivated?

Ms. Gordon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wharton, that the Committee find Issue Four to be "Unfounded." There were six (6) ayes and none opposed. The motion carries.

### **New Business**

Ms. Wharton wanted to go on record stating that the report that the Committee received in their executive session was very well done and thorough and that the Committee appreciates Transit Police's dedication to the Committee's process and investigation.

Ms. Bailey reminded the Committee that they needed to give her their availability for the COC social gathering that they asked for. Once everyone confirmed their schedule the social will be scheduled and notice will be sent out.

### **Adjourn**

6:32 p.m. – It was moved by Ms. Wharton and seconded by Mr. Taylor that the meeting be adjourned. There were six (6) ayes, and none opposed. The meeting was adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled Civilian Oversight Committee Meeting is Tuesday September 30, 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.





## GCRTA Transit Police Department

### PUBLIC COMPLAINT FORM

Completed forms can be emailed to [TPcomplaints@gcrt.org](mailto: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 Fredrick [REDACTED]  
Street Address [REDACTED] Apt.         
City Cleveland State OH 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. Clavins 39
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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 6/26/25 Time 2200 <sup>CPPR</sup> Ticket and/or Report Number 25-32234  
Location Ontario / Prospect in front of Mr. Hero

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.


I went to the store to buy a mild, came out the store  
start to freak my mild holding <sup>my son</sup> and was talking to  
the security and the officer put the light on in me  
and my son face so I walked up on the cop car  
and asked him why he had that light in me and  
my son face and he said leave from in front of the  
store I walked away and came back to the car and  
asked about his badge number he told me and I  
walked off with my kids.

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.

 287 6-26-25  
Signature of Complainant Date

Complaint received by:

 #922 6/26/25 2354  
Reporting Complaint Date Time

#### DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

Investigating Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Investigative Actions: \_\_\_\_\_

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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  
\_\_\_\_ Unfounded      \_\_\_\_ Exonerated      \_\_\_\_ Non-sustained      \_\_\_\_ Administratively Dismissed