

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-76

REAPPOINTMENT OF THREE MEMBERS TO
THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

WHEREAS, under Article VI, Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority"), the Board of Trustees ("Board") is authorized to establish special advisory committees; and

WHEREAS, for many years, the Board has maintained a Community Advisory Committee ("CAC"); and

WHEREAS, under Resolution No. 2023-014, the Board updated Section 222.04 Community Advisory Committee of the Authority's Codified Rules and Regulations ("Code Book") and re-energized the CAC; and

WHEREAS, the CAC's purpose is to support public transit in Northeast Ohio and to assist the Authority in fulfilling its mission and vision through: (a) supporting the Authority's provision of services to individuals with disabilities, and (b) advocating for and educating the community regarding the Authority's interests; and

WHEREAS, under Section 222.04(b)(1) of the Code Book, the Board is required to appoint at least eleven (11) members to serve on the CAC; and

WHEREAS, three members' terms have expired, and those members wish to be reappointed for 2-year terms:

Brewington, Johnny: Johnny is a former Fire Chief for the Village of Woodmere. He is a retired battalion chief for the city of Cleveland Department of Public Safety Division of Fire, is a member of the National Fire Heritage Center Hall of Legends, Legacies and Leaders Class of 2024, and is currently a board member of the Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center. Johnny has previously served on the Community Advisory Committee and utilizes fixed-route and rail services 2-3 times a week.

Laird, Nichole: Nichole is a Senior Planner with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. She is a member of the American Planning Association (APA) and is currently a Board of Trustee for the APA Ohio Chapter. Nichole utilizes fixed-route service to and from work daily.

Sopko, Dr. Joseph: Dr. Sopko is a retired physician who worked at St. Vincent Charity Hospital for 40 years. Dr. Sopko has previously served on GCRTA's Community Advisory Committee and is currently president of The Board of Les Delices. Dr. Sopko also serves as a Coast Guard Auxiliary Commodore. Dr. Sopko utilizes fixed-route and rail services 2-3 times a week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:


Section 1. That Johnny Brewington, Nichole Laird, and Dr. Joseph Sopko shall be reappointed as members of the CAC for terms of two years.

Section 2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: June 17, 2025



President

Attest: 

Secretary-Treasurer

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Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: REAPPOINTMENT OF THREE MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ("CAC")	Resolution No.: 2025-76
	Date: June 12, 2025
	Initiator: Board of Trustees
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval Review/Comment Information Only Other _____	

- 1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This resolution will reappoint three members of the Community Advisory Committee ("CAC"). The CAC serves in an advisory role to the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees ("Board"). The terms of these three members have expired.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** In early 2023, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") updated Section 222.04 Community Advisory Committee of the Authority's Codified Rules and Regulations ("Code Book") and re-energized the CAC. The purpose of the CAC is to support public transit in Northeast Ohio and to assist the Authority in fulfilling its mission and vision through: (a) supporting the Authority's provision of services to individuals with disabilities, and (b) advocating for and educating the community regarding the Authority's interests. To ensure that members' terms are staggered, some members were initially appointed to 1-year terms while others were initially appointed to 2-year terms. The terms of the three members who were appointed to 1-year terms have expired.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.
- 4.0 **DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Under Code Book Section 222.04(b)(1), the Board may appoint eleven (11) to fifteen (15) members to the CAC. Reappointment of these three members will maintain the minimum membership of eleven (11) members.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** Does not apply.
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Not adopting this resolution. The terms of three CAC members would remain expired and the composition of the CAC would be less than the required minimum of eleven (11) members.
- 8.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** The three CAC members were recommended for reappointment at the June 3, 2025 meeting of the External and Stakeholder Relations & Advocacy Committee. It is recommended that this resolution be adopted.
- 9.0 **ATTACHMENTS:** None.

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.

A blue ink signature of the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer, written over a horizontal line.
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer