

Re-appointment of Three Members to the Community Advisory Committee

External and Stakeholder Relations & Advocacy
Committee

June 3, 2025

History of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

- For years, GCRTA has had a Community Advisory Committee (“CAC”)
- Resolution No. 2023-014 re-energized the CAC

Purpose of the CAC

- To support public transit in Northeast Ohio, and to assist the Authority in fulfilling its mission and vision through:

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- Supporting the Authority's provision of services to individuals with disabilities; and
- Advocating and educating the community regarding the Authority's interests

Re-appointments

- Board initially appointed eleven members to staggered terms
 - Three members appointed to 1-year terms
 - Eight members appointed to 2-year terms

Re-appointments

- Three members whose 1-year terms have expired wish to be re-appointed
- Recommending 2-year terms so the terms remain staggered

Re-appointments

Brewington, Johnny: Johnny is a retired Chief of Fire for the Village of Woodmere. Johnny has previously served on the Community Advisory Committee and is currently a board member of the Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center. Johnny utilizes fixed-route and rail services 2-3 times a week.

Laird, Nichole: Nichole presently works as a Planner for the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. Nichole is a member of the American Planning Association and a Civic Vision Advisor at Look Up to Cleveland. Nichole utilizes fixed-route service 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 utilizes fixed-route and rail services 2-3 times a week.

Recommendation

Staff requests that the External and Stakeholder Relations & Advocacy Committee recommend these CAC members to the Board of Trustees for re-appointment.

Questions