



Committee of the Whole

November 4, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members: Mayor Koomar (Chair), Ms. Pacetti (Vice Chair), Ms. Elder, Mayor Gallo, Mr. Love, Ms. McPherson, Mr. Sleasman, Mayor Weiss

Staff/Other: Shawn Becker, Nick Biggar, India Birdsong Terry, Janet Burney, Floun'say Caver, Brent Chamigo, Scott Ferraro, George Fields, Bob Fleig, Joel Freilich, Anthony Garofoli, Mabry Harris, Carl Kirkland, Jonathan Laule, Kathleen McGerver, Sheila Miller, Charles Morgan, Holly Mothes, Mike Schipper, John Sulik, Kay Sutula, Wendy Talley, John Togher, Eric Vukmanic, Natoya Walker-Minor, Carolyn Young

Public: Kesley Finucan, Ryan Fogliano, Brian Gibson, Lori Ingram

I. Roll Call

Mayor Koomar called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. with roll call. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2025

Ms. McPherson moved, and Mr. Sleasman seconded to approve the minutes; the motion carried.

III. Appointment of Jonathan England and Michael Blake to the Civilian Oversight Committee

Floun'say Caver, Chief Operating Officer, stated that the purpose of the Civilian Oversight Committee (COC) is to review and investigate public complaints filed against GCRTA transit police employees and make recommendations to the Chief of Police. The recommendations must be consistent with GCRTA and transit police rules, policies, procedures, and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

Five members were initially appointed to the COC on September 26, 2023, and two additional members were appointed on June 25, 2024.

The COC is composed of seven (7) individuals from diverse communities within Cuyahoga County. At least one member must be a retired police officer with OPOTA certification and training, as well as investigative experience. Members are selected by application to the COC by the Board of Trustees and serve a three (3) year term. The initial COC members' terms were staggered so everyone would not come off of the Board at the same time.

Two members are requesting reappointment.

Jonathan England has served in numerous managerial and supervisory roles over the last seventeen (17) years. Mr. England has experience and expertise with safety programs, policies and regulations with a focus on the transportation industry. Mr. England served as the chair of the COC and if

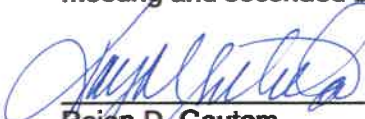
reappointed would serve through December 31, 2028.

Michael Blake has served as a military police officer for the United States Army and dedicated thirty-five (35) years of his life serving as a firefighter for the City of Cleveland. During his tenure as a firefighter, Mr. Blake worked his way through the ranks from firefighter to Lieutenant and Battalion Chief. Mr. Blake would also serve a three (3) year term that will expire on December 31, 2028.


Mayor Weiss moved to approve the nominations and Mr. Love seconded; the motion carried.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business to bring before this Committee, Mayor Koomar moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Welch. The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.



Rajan D. Gautam
Secretary/Treasurer

acting for

Rajan Gautam



Brent Charnigo
Board Administrator