MEETING MINUTES

GCRTA Board of Trustees Meeting

September 22, 2026

Board Members:	Mayor Koomar (Chair), Ms. Pacetti (Vice Chair), Ms. Elder, Mayor Gallo, Ms. Harper, Mr. Love, Ms. McPherson, Mr. Sleasman, Mayor Weiss,
Staff/Other:	Shawn Becker, Nick Biggar, India Terry, Janet Burney, Nick Davison, Scott Ferraro, Michael Fesler, George Fields, Bob Fleig, Ida Ford-Marshall, Anthony Garofili, Deputy Chief Michael Gettings, Fiona Gibbons, Kenneth Green, Sharon Jenkins, Carl Kirkland, Charles Morgan, Holly Mothes, Teresa Muti, Joe Shaffer, Kay Sutula, Wendy Talley, John Togher, Carolyn Young
Public:	Carren Woods, Tim Juka (Oswald Companies), Umut Asker, LaShaun Lindsey, Nick Castel, Alex Johnson, Roland Robinson, Loh, Rico Dancy, Mr. Rhoades Zulu, Jenna Thomas

I. Call to Order

Mayor Koomar called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

A quorum was present. Ms. Whigham was absent.

III. Certification regarding Notice of Meeting

It was advised that the 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 this Board regarding notice of meeting had been complied with.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Pacetti noted that the minutes of August 18, 2026, Board Meeting were received the evening before the meeting and requested a deferral of approval; therefore, approval was deferred to next Board meeting to give the trustees time to review them.

Regarding the minutes of the July 21, 2026, Board Meeting, Ms. Pacetti requested the following amendments: the reference in Section VI, Board Governance Committee Report, to the informal communications guidance among board members should reflect that it was discussed at a previous meeting, not at that meeting; and her update to the Board on the Community Advisory Council visit, recorded under Section XII, Civilian Oversight Committee Report, should be moved to Section XIII, Community Advisory Committee. She also asked Ms. Terry to provide an update on the request made by a speaker at an earlier meeting for accommodation for deaf people.

Ms. Pacetti moved, and Ms. Harper seconded to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2026, Board Meeting, as amended. The motion carried.

V. Public Comments – Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding both agenda and non-agenda items. Public comments submitted through the webform will appear in their original form and have not been edited for grammar or content. GCRTA reserves the right not to publish any explicit language, derogatory remarks, or personal attacks against individuals.

1. Mr. Rhoades Zulu (in-person)

Mr. Zulu, of Cleveland Heights, asked that the #35 bus be stopped from blocking the #9 bus from safely boarding passengers at bus stop/shelter #10635, stating that the current practice discriminates against disabled and elderly riders. He suggested that the #35 layover point be moved approximately 30 yards in front of the bus shelter to resolve the operational problem and expressed dissatisfaction with how staff have handled the issue. He stated that he supports and needs RTA.

Later in the public comment period, Mr. Zulu returned to state that, at 70 years old, he relies on transit to get to the store, the doctor's office, and church, and that he had been denied service when trying to board.

2. Mr. Rodriguez (in-person)

Mr. Rodriguez stated that he is pleased with the service he has received but wants to advocate for better quality of service on both door-to-door and fixed route service. He thanked GCRTA for cleaner stations, noting they are passable but can be improved. He asked that bus operators and door-to-door service providers receive autism awareness and disability education and expressed interest in being part of advocacy for federal funding.

3. Rico Dancy (in-person)

Mr. Dancy, who is deaf and serves as a commissioner in Washington, D.C., and on the Metro Access Board, stated that he has advocated for deaf, hard-of-hearing, and deaf-blind individuals for 27 years. He asked how Transit Police would communicate with a deaf or deaf-blind person during an incident and encouraged the use of video remote interpreting (VRI) and text-to-911. Noting that September is Deaf Awareness Month, he described incidents nationally in which law enforcement mistook sign language for gang signs with fatal results.

He also noted that his deaf-blind cousin, who uses a service dog, has been told by operators that she could not board with the animal, which is an ADA violation, and asked that operators be trained on service animals. He offered to work with GCRTA and recommended a certified interpreter, Cynthia Norman, who trains police departments to communicate with people with disabilities.

4. Umut Asker (in-person)

The speaker, a Cleveland State University student from Cleveland, asked GCRTA to take a serious look at the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Transit Center. When it opened in 2010, it was described as serving more than 500 buses a day, while current schedules show far fewer routes using the center. He cited the 2025 East 22nd Street planning assessment, which identified the site as a transit-oriented redevelopment opportunity, as well as Cleveland State's plans to redevelop the adjacent Wolstein Center. He is not asking to eliminate transit service, but requested that GCRTA study how much of the site is actually needed for transit, preserve that

space, and consider other uses such as development or public space for the remainder. He has submitted public records requests for passenger and vehicle data.

5. Roland Robinson (in-person)

Mr. Robinson, of Shaker Heights, stated that the Shaker Rapid cars he rides at approximately 7:45 a.m. are very dirty, with food left on the floors and seats, and asked that they be cleaned. He also stated that his application for a reduced fare was denied even though he is 70 years old, retired after 44 years of working downtown, and submitted forms from his doctor.

6. LaShaun Lindsey (in-person)

Mr. Lindsey, a United States Navy veteran from Cleveland who rides the #8, #10, and the Blue and Green lines near Shaker Square, stated that bus operators need increased sensitivity training. He has been told by operators to go home and denied rides to VA appointments for not having the proper ID on hand, and has had operators pull away from the stop, including late at night. He also stated that the #8 bus never departs on time, which jeopardizes connections.

He noted that $5 a day is costly for riders and suggested that GCRTA explore pass partnerships with the VA, which is one of the largest in the country, and with the casino.

Ms. Birdsong Terry thanked him for his service.

7. Alex Johnson (in-person)

Mr. Johnson, a nurse who lives in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood and rides the #26, #25, and HealthLine almost daily, urged the Board to seek a 0.5% sales tax levy in May 2027 to sustain a growing transit system. He thanked GCRTA for listening to riders and delaying service cuts, but asked the Board to stop "passing the buck" and deliver a coherent message now.

8. Jenna Thomas (in-person)

Ms. Thomas, of Cleveland, urged the Board to confirm a 0.5% levy in 2027. She stated that she understands the uncertainty regarding timing and voter turnout but has a harder time understanding uncertainty about the amount, since a 0.5% levy would provide sustainable funding for decades and more transformational service. She noted that Clevelanders for Public Transit has advocated for a levy for nearly a decade and asked that the Board ensure this delay does not happen again.

Ms. Thomas recommended that the Board set the amount as soon as possible so there is a specific ask when seeking endorsements from elected officials and municipalities and supported including transit-supportive carve-outs in the levy, citing Nashville's messaging to non-riders about signal upgrades. She announced that Clevelanders for Public Transit and Bike Cleveland will host rider ride-alongs during the first week of October and invited Board members and RTA leadership to participate. She also asked that emails sent to the general Board email address be forwarded to the full Board and that trustees consider making their direct GCRTA email addresses available to the public.

9. Loh (in-person)

Loh introduced Rico Dancy as a long-time advocate who attended Board meetings for many years before relocating to Washington, D.C. Loh offered suggestions for the levy discussion: when speaking with businesses of all sizes, GCRTA should explain that capital funding is available but

operating funding is not, and that businesses share the same workforce concerns because their employees need to arrive at work on time. Many issues raised today could be prevented or corrected by training operators and Transit Police, which should also be a talking point.

Loh noted that riders are struggling day in and day out and may not understand GCRTA's financial situation, and encouraged the Board to connect transit-oriented development and the rider stories heard today to the need for operating funding. Loh stated that a levy should have been pursued decades ago and that it is now time for everyone to work together to pass it.

10. Donte Taylor (in-person)

Mr. Taylor asked why paratransit riders are being denied rides to take their children to school when it is their only means of transportation.

Mayor Koomar advised that staff would follow up with Mr. Taylor before he left to obtain the specifics of his situation.

11. Airric Stewart (phone)

Mr. Stewart addressed General Counsel Burney's earlier comments about increasing rather than cutting service, stating that there are two types of service to consider: the number of buses running on a route and the areas a route covers. He cited the #48 and #48A, which share the same route north of Miles Avenue and East 131st Street, stating that eliminating the #48A cut service to riders south of 131st and Miles toward East 177th and South Miles, a strong population contributing to the tax base.

Mr. Stewart stated that he supports a 1% increase, more than the 0.5% being requested, but that GCRTA must acknowledge its mistakes, including route changes to the #50 and #15 that the budget could not support. He questioned the CEO's salary increases over a five-year period during which budgets were overrun.

12. Mia (phone)

The caller, who lives in Lakewood, works in University Circle, and rides the Red Line, #25, #83, #26, and HealthLine, thanked the Board for postponing the service cuts initially scheduled for December, which would have affected the #83 and #25. The caller stated that the presentation on what a 0.25% or 0.5% levy could provide left them inspired, and that 10- and 15-minute frequencies would bring reliability and security to riders. The caller urged the Board to place a 0.5% levy on the May 2027 ballot, stating that the issue cannot be put off any longer.

13. Grace Jackson (webform)

At $5 a day, riding public transit is more costly than driving a car. If the RTA offered a "regulars" pass where you could save by buying multiple rides at once, more people might start to see the RTA as something people could choose to take regularly instead of just when there will be no parking at their destination.

14. Robby organ (webform)

The reason people don't use transit is that it's less convenient than other means. That's because buses and trains are not frequent and reliable. Improving frequency and reliability and cleaning up the stations and trains would make a huge difference.

15. Declan (webform)

I use the RTA bus system to ride to work and school every week. It is a very cost-effective option, but routes are inefficient and sometimes unreliable. Funding and service cuts will only hurt our region as a whole– especially working class families who rely on the RTA. I want the RTA to approve the .5% levy because investments in public transit are investments in our economy, our environment, and our working class communities.

16. Aaron Dobres (webform)

President Koomar, Vice President Pacetti, and members of the Board of Trustees, thank you for your time today and good morning. My name is Aaron Dobres and I have been a resident of downtown for five years. I regularly ride the Blue and Green lines, the Healthline, and the 11 bus.

Thank you for approving a delay of the proposed service cuts to next year. We appreciate that you heard the concerns of those who regularly rely on RTA's services.Moving forward, I am asking you to approve a levy increase of 0.5%. An increase of this amount will drastically improve service and make it easier for me to continue to live without a car in Cleveland and make the city more affordable. I have seen how people's lives open up when they can access frequent public transit to get to work and social gatherings in other cities and I want the same for Cleveland residents. Increased funding for public transit creates a more equitable city that grants people the freedom to own or not own a car as they choose. Enhanced services such as updated signage and redone stations allow people to commute with dignity and pride in Cleveland and believe that the city is making room for them. I hope you will approve a proposed levy increase of 0.5%. Thank you for your time and service to our city..

17. Sumara Davis (webform)

Hello Board, I'm Sumara Davis, a frequent rider of the number 22, 71, and occasional the number 25 bus routes. I am in favor of a .5% levy increase. I ride transit most days out the week to get everywhere I need to go and when I have to wait 30 minutes for the next bus I'm almost certain to instead take an expensive Lyft or Uber ride. I'd rather but my money back into public services and into the city I live. Please be in support of a .5% increase so that GCRTA can be of great service to the people of Greater Cleveland.

18. Airric Stewart (webform)

RTA has a responsibility to the socioeconomic well-being of the public through the implementation of public transit. Responses to my questions are very slow and infrequent. On August 21, I received an answer from an unnamed person to a question I've been waiting for more than 4 months to get answered. This was about the assembly and maintenance of bus shelters. I have now been waiting weeks to get an answer of why it took more than 4 months to get a response. What are the reasons for the $3,000 maintenance cost being charged to someone or group who sponsored installation of a bus shelter for 1 year? How many people have participated in the customer service survey at 621-9500 last year? What was the actual number of positive and negative responses? There still has been no response from the CAC or the BOT when asked whether any of them have studied the suggested 48A and 15A routes. There has been no response on the suggested adjustments to the 50, 15, and 48 routes. These are all matters of healthy efficiency for the public. There has been no response to the inquiries of what the current cost is to run the 50, 15, and 48 routes. RTA is coming to the public for more money. Answer these questions about the publicly paid services you provide. I'm personally in favor of a 1% increase in funding if leadership makes the proper adjustments to their poor behavior. That is

more than what you're asking for. Respect the accurate assessment of the facts on your responses to my inquiries.

19. Phoebe Wisch (webform)

Support public transit!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

VI. Board Governance Committee Report

No committee report.

VII. Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee Report

No committee report.

VIII. Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee Report

No committee report.

IX. Audit, Safety Compliance and Real Estate Committee Report

No committee report.

X. External and Stakeholder Relations and Advocacy Committee Report

No committee report.

XI. Committee of the Whole

The Committee of the Whole convened prior to the Board meeting.-

XII. Civilian Oversight Committee (COC) Report

No committee report.

XIII. Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Ms. Elder stated that a CAC Rules Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Friday at 9:00 a.m. She attended the Advocacy and Education Subcommittee meeting on September 11, 2026, where the committee continued to raise concerns about the trolley and upcoming cuts and reviewed its visit to the paratransit facility.

XIV. Compensation Committee

Mayor Weiss stated that a Compensation Committee meeting is scheduled for next week.

XV. Ad-Hoc Nominating Committee

No committee report.

XVI. Introduction of New Employees/Promotions

Ida Ford-Marshall provided an update on September new hires and promotions, including part-time and full-time bus operators, five new rail operators, an engineering project manager, a Transit Police dispatcher, and promotions in Engineering, Power and Way, Transit Police, and the Finance Division.

XVII. Board Review and Discussion on Next Steps – Resolution 2026-43

Mayor Koomar noted that there is no resolution in the packet for a vote and asked Ms. Burney to explain why a motion is necessary.

Ms. Burney stated that Resolution 2026-43, adopted July 7, 2026, submits to the electors of Cuyahoga County the question of whether the Authority's existing 1.0% Sales and Use Tax may be increased by up to 0.50%, at the May 4, 2027, special election. Section 3 of that resolution states that the Board of Trustees commits to adopting a resolution no later than September 22, 2026, to state the specific rate of the Sales and Use Tax increase. It is the opinion of the Legal Department that if the Board decides not to set the rate at this time, it must state that decision affirmatively by motion and vote.

Mayor Koomar stated that, per his discussions with Ms. Terry, key stakeholders including Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland want to further refine the value proposition; Ms. Burney confirmed. He proposed a motion to continue the matter to a Board meeting no later than November 2026, noting that the Board has requested additional financial information that should be presented at the next committee meeting and that October may be tight. He stated that the intent is clear that the Board will go to the ballot in 2027, whether in May or November, and will then finalize the rate.

Ms. Terry confirmed that Mayor Koomar's recollection was accurate and that considering both May and November 2027 is the recommendation of the appointing authorities. She noted that the next Board meeting is October 20, 2026, and the next committee meeting is on Election Day, November 3, 2026. The staff recommendation remains 2027 at 0.50%.

Mayor Koomar stated that if the work can be completed in the next month, he is ready to move forward in October; he does not want to delay but also does not want to set another artificial deadline that would require postponing again. Ms. Terry agreed. Ms. Elder noted that the November Board meeting is November 17. At Ms. Burney's request, Mayor Koomar restated the motion, and it was clarified that the deadline is November 17, 2026, Board meeting rather than November 26, which is Thanksgiving.

Mayor Koomar moved to continue the discussion on the ballot initiative to a Board meeting no later than the November 17, 2026, Board meeting for the adoption of a resolution to state the specific rate of the sales and use tax increase that shall be placed on the 2027 election ballot; seconded by Ms. Pacetti.

During discussion, Ms. Pacetti stated that the Board owes it to the public to state a reason for the increase in the resolution beyond the current language of providing additional general revenue for the Authority and paying the expenses of administering the levy, reflecting a clear value proposition. Ms. Harper suggested language to the effect of the expansion and modernization of services, and Ms. Pacetti agreed.

The motion carried. Mr. Sleasman voted nay and Ms. Harper abstained. Later in the meeting, Ms. Terry restated the vote for the record: Ms. Elder, Mayor Gallo, Mayor Koomar, Mr. Love, Ms. McPherson, Ms. Pacetti, and Mayor Weiss voted yea; Mr. Sleasman voted nay; Ms. Harper abstained; and Ms. Whigham was absent.

XVIII. Introduction of Resolutions

A. 2026-59 – APPROVING A NEW TWO-YEAR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT COVERING CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

Scott Ferraro provided an overview of the agreement. This is the second tentative agreement; the first was voted down, and this one was ratified by the membership. Highlights include a slight uniform allowance increase for Transit Ambassadors and dispatchers; fill-in pay for dispatchers working as TAC officers when a sergeant is unavailable; and wage increases of 3% for 2026 and 3% for 2027. There are no benefit changes for 2026 or 2027; however, the union agreed to accept whatever benefit changes the Amalgamated Transit Union receives in its next agreement. The two-year term allows the Authority to assess its financial position.

Mayor Koomar moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mayor Gallo. The motion was approved.

B. 2026-60 – RATIFYING A CHANGE ORDER TO CONTRACT NO. 2023-155 FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO TOWER CITY TRACK 7 AND REINSTATING THE GENERAL MANAGER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mayor Koomar moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Sleasman. The motion was approved.

A. 2026-61 – AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2026-091 WITH SONA CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR PROJECT 20.75 - 15583 BROOKPARK INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ABATEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,048,000 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Mr. Sleasman moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Harper. The motion was approved.

C. 2026-62 – AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2026-51A WITH AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR WITH THREE, ONE-YEAR OPTIONS IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $35,668,713 FOR THE FIRST YEAR (GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPARTMENT BUDGETS)

Mayor Weiss moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Sleasman. The motion was approved.

D. 2026-63 – AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2026-51B WITH MEDONE LC TO PROVIDE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR WITH THREE, ONE-YEAR OPTIONS IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $10,113,533 FOR THE FIRST YEAR (GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPARTMENT BUDGETS)

At Mayor Koomar's request, George Fields described the extensive healthcare renewal process. The Authority is moving from a traditional pharmacy benefit coupled with the medical plan to a carved-out pharmacy benefit through MedOne, which provides more flexibility for biosimilar and sourcing strategies to find the lowest-cost option while still serving employees. Tim Juka of Oswald Companies added that the key opportunity is flexibility at the time of drug acquisition, allowing members to obtain the prescriptions they need at the lowest net cost while saving money.

Ms. Pacetti moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. McPherson. The motion was approved.

E. 2026-64 – AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2026-51C WITH DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF OHIO, INC. TO PROVIDE DENTAL BENEFITS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR WITH THREE, ONE-YEAR OPTIONS IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $1,505,145 FOR THE FIRST YEAR (GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPARTMENT BUDGETS)

Ms. Pacetti moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Sleasman. The motion was approved.

F. 2026-65 – AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2026-51D WITH NATIONAL VISION ADMINISTRATORS, LLC TO PROVIDE VISION BENEFITS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR WITH THREE, ONE-YEAR OPTIONS IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $112,327 FOR THE FIRST YEAR (GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPARTMENT BUDGETS)

Ms. Harper noted for the record that, as shown in the previous presentation, the healthcare contracts represent savings of close to $6 million, and commended staff for their fiscal stewardship.

Ms. Harper moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Love. The motion was approved.

G. 2026-66 – AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2026-51E WITH THE GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA TO PROVIDE LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR WITH THREE, ONE-YEAR OPTIONS IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $318,412 FOR THE FIRST YEAR (GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPARTMENT BUDGETS)

Mayor Koomar moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mayor Weiss. The motion was approved.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

John Togher, Interim Deputy General Manager of Finance and Interim Secretary-Treasurer, presented the Secretary-Treasurer's report.

At its September 16, 2026, meeting, the Federal Open Market Committee changed its interest rate from 3.75% to 4.0%; its next meeting is October 27th–28th. Annual inflation has decreased from a high of 9.1% in June 2022 to 3.4% in August 2026, unchanged from July 2026. The University of Michigan Consumer Survey showed month-over-month, and year-over-year decreases in consumer sentiment, current economic conditions, and consumer expectations; overall sentiment is 16% below February 2026, prior to the start of the Iran conflict, and 13% lower than a year ago.

August 2026 ridership was 2.1 million, and year-to-date ridership was 16 million, approximately 1.4% lower than August 2025, primarily due to adverse weather and school closings in January through March. Ridership has remained steady for the past three years, and paratransit ridership is up 4.4% year over year. Beginning in January 2027, the ridership and fare slides will no longer compare to pre-COVID levels.

Passenger fares, reported on a cash basis, were 28.9% lower in August 2026 than August 2025, driven by the timing of CMSD and U-Pass payments; excluding CMSD and U-Pass collections, fares were down $47,000, or -0.3%. Sales and Use Tax remains strong: September 2026 receipts were 13.8%, or $3.4 million, higher than September 2025, and year-to-date receipts are 5.7%, or $11.6 million, higher than 2025. Online sales were up 16.8%, and motor vehicle and watercraft sales were up 12.7%. Sales tax receipts reflect a three-month lag.

In July 2026, the Authority issued $35 million in new debt for capital projects, bringing total debt to $48.9 million. The average investment yield is 3.68%, and total cash and investments on hand are $335.9 million, of which $31.4 million is in the unrestricted General Fund, meeting the Board's one-month reserve requirement.

Mayor Weiss asked about the rate on the new debt. Mr. Togher stated that it is 5%, with a call feature in eight years.

XIX. General Manager, CEO Report

India Terry, General Manager and CEO, began the report by announcing a $250,000 award from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Green Line light rail track reconstruction.

GCRTA was also awarded a $20 million FTA All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP) grant to rehabilitate the remaining rail stations, which will make the rail system fully ADA accessible, a long-sought milestone. Ms. Terry thanked Senator Jon Husted and Congresswoman Shontel Brown for their bipartisan support.

A press conference was held for The Depot on Detroit, a transit-oriented development of 60 new affordable housing units on the Shoreway. RTA is working with Flaherty & Collins, and residents will receive RTA transit passes as part of their housing agreement.

The first new rail car has arrived in Cleveland. Ms. Terry thanked Anthony Garofoli, Teresa Muti and her team, and Sean Thompson. Commissioning will take place over the next nine to ten months, with the Red Line fleet expected to be fully replaced next year.

Ms. Terry was recognized in Who's Who in Black Cleveland, along with Trustee Shanelle Smith Whigham, Daveda Bencs, Tracy Brown, Diana Jones and Natoya Walker-Minor and several other community leaders.

GCRTA continues to provide special event service, including the Waterfront Line for Browns games and service for the Cleveland National Air Show.

GoBus will begin picking up and dropping off passengers at a new stop at Cedar-University Station. Mayor Koomar asked whether GoBus will stop at Brook Park as well as the University Heights location. Ms. Terry stated that she believes it will and that staff will confirm and provide a map of the new routing.

Ms. Terry, Chief Jones, and Deputy Chief Gettings traveled to Washington, D.C., for the APTA Metropolitan Transit Discussion Group, which includes the top 15 transit systems in the nation, to discuss safety, security, and fare evasion. They met with U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy, with whom Ms. Terry discussed the Authority's rail car replacement program, and with Interim FTA Administrator Cahill.

Concluding the report, Ms. Terry paid tribute to Dr. Floun'say Caver, former Deputy General Manager of Operations, who passed away approximately one month ago. Dr. Caver served RTA for more than 25 years, beginning as an intern. A video montage prepared by Marketing was shown in his memory.

XX. President's Report

No items.

XXI. Old Business

No items.

XXII. New Business

No items.

XXIII. Upcoming Meetings

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Authority at the Root-McBride Building.

XXIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Koomar and seconded by Ms. Pacetti; the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

John J. Togher
Interim Secretary/Treasurer

Kenneth Green
Interim Board Administrator