

Minutes

Greater Cleveland RTA Civilian Oversight Committee Special Meeting
4:35 p.m., Thursday, February 12, 2026

Civilian Oversight Committee Members: Jonathan England, Michael Blake, David Morris, Jakolya Gordon, George Taylor

Not present: Elise Auvil, Rebecca Wharton

GCRTA BOT: None

Staff: Bailey, Caver, Darden, Flachbart, Gettings, Schreiner, Sulik, Wilson

Public: None

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. There were four (4) Committee members present. Mr. Taylor was running late and arrived during Executive Session.

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.

Introduction of Complaint Number C25-006

Executive Session Requested

4:37 p.m. – it was moved by Mr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Gordon that the Committee enter executive session to enable the COC to consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. England – Yes, Mr. Morris – Yes, Mr. Blake – Yes, Ms. Gordon – Yes, Mr. Taylor – Absent. The motion carries.

5:52 p.m. – It was moved by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Blake to come out of executive session. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. England – Yes, Mr. Morris – Yes, Mr. Blake – Yes, Ms. Gordon – Yes, Mr. Taylor – Yes. The motion carries.

Discussion / Action regarding Complaint Number C25-006 and Complaint Number C25-007

For Complaint Number C25-006 there was one issue identified.

Issue 1

Did Acting Lt. Hudson act aggressively toward the Complainant?

Ms. Gordon made a motion seconded by Mr. Blake that the Committee found Issue One “Unfounded”. There were five (5) ayes and none opposed. The motion carries.

For Complaint Number C25-007 there was one issue identified.

Issue 1

Did Officer Edley “aggressively” handcuff and “aggressively” move the Complainant?

Ms. Gordon made a motion seconded by Mr. Morris that the Committee found Issue One “Exonerated”. There were five (5) ayes and none opposed. The motion carries.

There was some discussion among the Committee members that the Transit Police identified some procedural issues that need to be addressed, such as the proper process for obtaining Social Security Numbers. The Committee requested that the Chair notify the Chief of Police regarding these concerns.

Before adjourning Ms. Bailey spoke to the Committee about this meeting being the last meeting for Mr. Taylor as he would be moving at the end of the month. Ms. Bailey thanked him for his service and let him know that the Committee would miss him. She also informed the Committee that the RTA staff will begin seeking an applicant to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Taylor. Mr. Taylor offered parting words of gratitude.

Adjourn

5:58 p.m. – It was moved by Mr. England and seconded by Ms. Gordon that the meeting be adjourned. There were five (5) ayes, and none opposed. The meeting was adjourned.