



**CITY OF CLEVELAND**  
Mayor Justin M. Bibb

File No. 1278-2025

August 8, 2025

The Honorable Blaine Griffin  
President, Cleveland City Council  
601 Lakeside Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44114

The Honorable Kris Harsh  
Chair, Mayor's Appointment Committee  
601 Lakeside Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44114

Dear Council President Griffin & Appointment Committee Chairman Harsh:

I am pleased to nominate Ms. Shanelle Smith Whigham for a seat on the Board of Trustees for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. Included below are the seat details and term ending date. I respectfully request that this nomination be considered at your earliest convenience in an upcoming meeting of Cleveland City Council's Mayor's Appointment Committee.

**Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)**

Shanelle Smith Whigham—New appointment; Term ending March, 2027

Additionally, a resume is attached for Ms. Smith Whigham. Any questions can be directed to Ryan Puente, Chief Government Affairs Officer, at (216)664-3544 or via email at [rpuentes@clevelandohio.gov](mailto:rpuentes@clevelandohio.gov).

Sincerely,

**Justin M. Bibb**  
Mayor | City of Cleveland

