

# **282 MONTHLY CHRONICLES**

**March 2026**

## **Arbitrations:**

**These are the upcoming arbitrations, and results of recent arbitrations that have been voted on my membership**

### **Chris Rivers (RTS) OT/Spread pay GR# 64-24**



Scheduled for 6/8/2025. Arbitrated has ruled in Union's favor. Ruled on 9/23/2025. As of January 2026. Chris Rivers has still not been paid. The company has also not made members moving forward from ruling whole in this matter. Union has reached out to arbitrator to extend his involvement with case. Union asking to arbitrator to push company to make this top priority and make all whole. Company has stated this will be a \$60,000 Dollar fix to system. Saying they may get this resolved by June. The Union finds this unacceptable!! As of February 12<sup>th</sup> The

Union has proposed an agreement to take care of everyone for time of Arbitration win moving forward since company claims Trapez cannot be fixed until later this year. They don't appear to be agreeable to the term. We are still meeting to come to an agreement.

Still no updates as of March.

### **Grievance #66-24 Stackhouse overtime**

Arbitration is being scheduled. Company offered an agreement. This agreement was not in the Union's favor, we believe it would hurt the membership. Union still trying to settle grievance before arbitration.



### **Pension Plan:**

#### **RTS:**

February \$81,453,640 = Loss of \$1,402,431

Pension meeting 3/18/2026

#### **LL:**

December report \$7,253,512 = Loss of \$62,705

Pension meeting 3/18/2026

### **Membership Organizing:**

We encourage all non-members to join and to participate. Your voice matters at 282, we want to know what's on your mind. Call 585-232-7230 for more information or stop by 22 Fourth Street Rochester, NY 14609 to join

**NON-MEMBERS**





## Joint Safety Committee

**Nothing new to report this month**

**Meeting was cancelled**

Discussion still on the Table

## Bus Headlights

There have been some concerns about not being able to see at night on certain buses. The union asked members to put safety hazards to pinpoint the buses in question. Because of these safety complaints, certain buses will not be placed on certain blocks. Also, during bus inspection. The headlights will not only be tested if they are functional but the distance that they produce light. If they fail to produce light to a certain distance they will be readjusted. Union still waiting for an update to see how this is working.

## School Passes

The Union has raised concerns about school passes and the use on line service. The Union believes that passes should work like other RTS passes. The only thing the driver needs to know is if the pass is valid or not. Company agrees this is the best method to reduce conflict between students and drivers. Company has reached out to school district to program passes based on block and if student is valid to ride. The Union and company are looking for the district to have this ready by next school year.

November 13th: Chris Rivers inquired why student passes lost the ability to display: Flex, 1-hour, or School when students tap on. Having that functionality would reduce interactions and potential conflicts between bus operators and students until the new and expanded solution is implemented. He was not clear if it worked on the validator or only the farebox. Neha to investigate why. January 22nd: Chris Rivers asked whether RTS has followed up with RCSD again. Marvin meets with RCSD regularly. Neha will follow up to see



if it has been brought up. A Driver reported Edison was telling students they didn't need a pass. RTS met with the principal and advised they required a badge.

### **Garage Door Issues**

Maintenance has raised concerns about not safety lockout when working on garage doors. When entering the garage these doors should not be able to open when being worked.

### **Contract Negotiations**

#### **RTS Seneca:**

Waiting on company to review contract before printing

#### **RTS Ontario:**

Noting new to report meeting were rescheduled

#### **RTS Monroe:**

Nothing to report. Contract expires in December 2026.

Books available at Union Hall

On website [HERE](#)

#### **RTS Access:**

Waiting for the Company to print contract books.



### Cope:

**ATU supports Labor and Union positive candidates. Please have your local politicians reach out to us if they support our interest, we will support them.**



Attended ATU NYSLACB February 16<sup>th</sup>

RLC May Day meeting February 26<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup>

RLC labor walk in Hilton March 7<sup>th</sup>

RLC COPE meeting March 10<sup>th</sup>

Adam Bello event March 12<sup>th</sup>

RLC meeting March 12<sup>th</sup>

### RTS OPS:

**Discussions on Grievances:** Who and when will they be answered. Some level 2 answers are coming in. The Union is asking that they be top priority or that they outside contract the process out. The company has proposed a new process on the grievance procedure. Union waiting for a proposal and to respond

Grievance Answers have been coming steadily after this meeting

See where your grievance is at in the process

[Grievance](#)



### **5-S program**

Garage in disarray. 5-S program to be reimplemented. Dobson and Winburn to do walk through. To assess the garage and come up with action plan

### **Vending Machines**

Members have brought up concerns about the quality of the food provided. Union asked for more healthy choices and to have more oversight when food has gone past expiration dates and spoiled

Coffee vending machine will be removed and replaced with a Bunn coffee system.

### **Medical Company**

There have been some concerns about the length of time to get a return to work physical. Company states they know there have been issues and that they are working them out with the provider. If you have issues with Well-Now, please contact The Union

### **Potholes**

There have been many complaints about the potholes at Sky-View and Dewey Walmart . company has reached out to the property owner. They will try to cold patch the worst spot. They state they can no fully address the problem until the weather is warmer to properly fix problems

### **Transit Center & 1372 Lines**

Union has asked when the line in the TC will be repainted. Company has put a program together to repaint line at TC and 1372 starting in April. This will become a standing resolution moving forward to keep property safe and clean.



## **RTS AD-HOC**

### **No meeting this month**

#### **Board Rules:**

The Union and company are working on cleaning up the Board rules. With recent contract changes, new and old agreements are being amended, and the board rules need to be refreshed.

#### **Relief Picking:**

The Union and the company are looking to update the pick process, where relief work is picked at the end of the pick. This will lead to more choices for senior drivers to pick relief work. Also, this will mean there will be more work to pick from at the end of pick instead of during the pick.

#### **Day/ Night Board:**

The Union and the company have contacted other properties and unions that have day-night boards. Looking to put a new board together and bring it to the membership. If members are agreeable to the terms that are worked on. The board will be implemented for 1 or 2 picks. If members and company like the new board, it will possibly be kept and put in next contract.

As of February, The Union has offered a proposal to change the board to a time slot board.

This will be picked by seniority each week. You can choose from hold-work, or the time slots the company deems necessary for the week. The 2 thirteen-hour extras will rotate in the morning slots and the afternoon slots. With every driver having the ability to get an extra all day. All other board rules apply except the automatic show-ups. This is a concept not the totality of what was proposed. Come to the union Hall or meeting to see full proposal

**NEXT REGULAR**

**MEETING**

**April 16<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**



## **Non-Members Non-Voters**

### **Ontario**

- T154 Debra Vaughn.
- T103 Tamara Clover-Love
- T198 John Adams.
- T210 Samuel Burgos.
- T214 Troy Notebaert.
- T220 John Onorato.
- T238 Zachary Notebaert.
- T257 David Snaith.
- T258 Casey Baker.
- T263 Duanne White.
- T267 Charles Hurd.
- T268 John Johnsen.
- T136 Tamar Breedlove
- T272 Kimberly Gardner.
- T275 William Meyers

### **STS**

- N174 Theodore Popadopoulos.
- N184 Richard Scott.

### **Access**

- S774 Kevin Plummer.
- S780 Richard McGuire

### **RTS**

- 3726 Esther Duncan RTS/FT.
- 3741 Antonio Gonzalez RTS/PT.
- 4068 John McNamara SVO/PT.
- 3977 Harold Orr SVO.
- 3978 Larry Richardson SVO.
- 3973 Elizabeth Bermeo SVO.
- 4178 Cheyenne Brown- Wallace SB.
- 3266 Brittany Marks Planning.
- 3272 Daniel Kenyon Planning.
- 3469 Patricia Williams Mechanic Secretary .
- 4042 Kimberly McCoy CS.
- 3751 Janice Griffin CS.
- 3102 Hector Torres CS.
- 2875 Sonia Padilla CS.
- 3940 Lorraine DeJoy CS.
- 4136 Egypt Taylor CS.
- 4393 Nancy Fernandez CS.
- 4141 Jerome Hawthorne CS.
- 4365 Makisha Settles CS.
- 4417 Latifia Green CS.
- 4470 Lisa Griffith CS.
- 4460 Karen Kerr CS.
- 3703 Wayne Gaskin SB.



- 44783 Noorkey Aliyou RTS/FT.
- 4480 Abdirashid Aliyou RTS/FT.
- 4473 Nia Speights RTS/FT.
- 3393 Richard Boudreaux RTS/FT
- 2836 Shawn Cole RTS/FT.
- 3245 London Fitzhugh RTS/FT.
- 4006 Twasha Harriell RTS/FT.
- 4555 Kelvin Torres RTS.FT
- 4436 Ivan Hinchez RTS.
- 4551 Robin Hill SVO
- 3657 Jose Flores RTS/FT.
- 4092 Ronnie Armstrong RTS/FT.