

CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD

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FY 2014 - 2015 Annual Report

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Civilian Police Review Board for the City of Durham (CPRB) would like to thank:

- Secretary to the Board, Tonette Amos, Senior Executive Assistant for the Office of the City Clerk for keeping minutes of meetings and maintaining all records pertaining to the business of the Board;
- Counsel to the Board, Kimberly Rehberg, Senior Attorney for the Office of the City Attorney for providing legal guidance to the Board by offering information about and interpretations of relevant federal, state and local laws, statutes and regulations; and
- Office of the City Manager Liaison to the Board, Karmisha Wallace, Senior Assistant to the City Manager for the Office of the City Manager for administrative support, facilitating communication with the Office of the City Manager and assisting in the work of the Board.

The assistance, availability, and accommodations of Ms. Amos, Attorney Rehberg and Ms. Wallace were invaluable in aiding the members of the Board in performing our duties.

The CPRB also expresses appreciation to Thomas Bonfield, City Manager for the City of Durham for the opportunity to serve and consideration of recommendations offered by the Board.

Lastly, the CPRB thanks Pastor Deborah W. Bowling and Steven McNulty for their service on the Board.

MEMBERSHIP

The CPRB consists of nine residents of the City of Durham, all of whom are appointed by City Manager Thomas Bonfield and affirmed by the Durham City Council. Members serve staggered four-year terms and are eligible for reappointment.

The members of the CPRB were as follows:

	Name	Original Appointment	Term Expiration
1.	Pastor Deborah W. Bowling	March 14, 2012	June 30, 2015
2.	Kelli Dugan	March 16, 2015	June 30, 2018
3.	Rev. Rachel H. Green	September 28, 2010	June 30, 2018
4.	David Harris	August 27, 2008	June 30, 2018
5.	Stephen E. Kraus	April 2, 2014	June 30, 2019
6.	DeWarren K. Langley	October 27, 2009	June 30, 2019
7.	Steven McNulty	January 11, 2013	June 30, 2014
8.	David A. Smith	January 19, 2010	June 30, 2018
9.	Susan Veasey	March 16, 2015	June 30, 2018
10.	Dr. Cynthia Wells	March 14, 2012	June 30, 2019

DeWarren K. Langley served as Chairman and Steve McNulty served as Vice Chairman until December 10, 2014. Rev. Rachel H. Green was elected Vice Chairman at the regular meeting on March 25, 2015.

Four vacancies were created with the term expirations of members, Pastor Deborah W. Bowling, Stephen E. Kraus, DeWarren K. Langley and Dr. Cynthia Wells on June 30, 2015. The City Manager recommended and the City Council affirmed the reappointment of Stephen E. Kraus, DeWarren K. Langley and Dr. Cynthia Wells and the appointment of Jeffrey Clark on June 24, 2015. The appointments were effective on July 1, 2015 and will expire on June 30, 2019.

AMENDMENTS TO CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD PROCEDURE MANUAL

The Durham City Council unanimously voted to approve amendments to the Civilian Police Review Board Procedure Manual during a regular meeting held on November 17, 2014.

The Procedures Manual amendments included:

- Vacancies are filled by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council.
- The citizen must file the request within 30 business days (Monday - Friday) instead of 14 calendar days of receiving written notice from the Police Department of the disposition of the complaint.
- The Civilian Police Review Board must host one community forum per fiscal year to receive feedback from the public on the Durham Police Department complaint process and community-police relations.
- The Civilian Police Review Board must present to at least two community, civic or neighborhood groups. The purpose of the presentation is to educate the community on the Civilian Police Review Board process.

NUMBER OF MEETINGS

The CPRB holds meetings when necessary for the purpose of conducting business, training and work sessions. The CPRB is required to meet at least once per quarter. The CPRB had four regular meetings: (1) September 24, 2014, (2) December 10, 2014, (3) March 25, 2015 and (4) June 24, 2015.

ATTENDANCE

	Name	09/24/14	12/10/14	03/25/15	06/24/15	% of Meetings Attended
1.	Pastor Deborah W. Bowling	EA	EA	P	P	50%
2.	Kelli Dugan			P	P	100%
3.	Rev. Rachel H. Green	P	P	P	P	100%
4.	David Harris	P	P	P	P	100%
5.	Stephen E. Kraus	P	P	P	P	100%
6.	DeWarren K. Langley	P	P	P	P	100%
7.	Steven McNulty	P	P			100%
8.	Carlos Siu	P	P	P	P	100%
9.	David A. Smith	EA	P	P	EA	50%
10.	Susan Veasey			P	P	100%
11.	Dr. Cynthia Wells	P	P	P	P	100%

P = Present A = Absent EA = Excused Absence = Not on Board

NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR APPEAL HEARINGS & SUMMARY OF CASES

The CPRB received and reviewed six Requests for Appeal Hearings from complainants who were not satisfied with the conclusions of a review conducted by the Professional Standards Division of the Police Department. The Requests for Appeal Hearings were submitted by the following individuals:

1. Robin Dean-Bell (Search and Seizure)
2. Lawrence Edward Bryant (Unethical conduct/Conduct Unbecoming of Police Department Personnel)
3. Corenta J. Evans (Unethical Conduct/Conduct Unbecoming of Police Department Personnel)
4. Mary B. Chance (Unethical Conduct/Conduct Unbecoming of Police Department Personnel)
5. DeCarlos Stanely (Unethical Conduct/Conduct Unbecoming of Police Department Personnel)
6. Louise Hodges (Search and Seizure)
7. Shelia, Montsay, & Saykwan Alston (Use of Force)

The CPRB carefully reviewed the materials the complainant provided to the City Clerk's Office as the basis for an appeal, as well as investigative materials submitted by the Professional Standards Division of the Police Department in the review of the complaint.

Of the seven Requests for Appeal Hearings, the CPRB voted to grant Requests for Appeals Hearings for Louise Hodges and Shelia, Montsay, & Saykwan Alston.

The jurisdiction of the CPRB is limited to the results of investigations of use of force, unethical conduct and/or conduct unbecoming of Police Department Personnel or arrest, search and seizure. Of the seven Requests for Appeal Hearings, four involved allegations of conduct unbecoming of Police Department Personnel, two involved allegations of improper search or seizure, one involved allegations of use of force.

NUMBER OF HEARINGS

The CPRB granted two Requests for Appeal Hearings, however, the hearings were not scheduled for FY 2014-2015.