







DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVISORY BOARD (B/O)

BOARD DETAILS



OVERVIEW

 **SIZE** 12 Seats
 **TERM LENGTH** 3 Year
 **TERM LIMIT** 2 Terms

The Domestic Violence Advisory Board (DVAB) is the official citizen advisory commission on domestic violence issues. The members are appointed by and report to the Board of County Commissioners and Charlotte City Council.

The Board periodically reviews and evaluates all Charlotte and Mecklenburg County domestic violence services, makes appropriate recommendations to Charlotte City Council and the Board of County Commissioners to identify gaps, or need for additional services to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence and their children; and, provides vigorous advocacy for domestic violence awareness and its related costs to victims and the community.

The DVAB receives staff support from the Mecklenburg County Community Support Services Prevention and Intervention Services.



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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

12 Members (2 by Mayor, 4 by City Council, 6 by County Commission)

MEMBERSHIP

Nominees are subject to a state criminal background check. City appointees must take an oath of office and are subject to City Council's Attendance and Anti-Harassment Policies and Code of Ethics, Gift Policy and Disclosure Requirements for members of boards.

MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting Day: 2nd Monday monthly
 Meeting Time: 6:15 p.m.
 Meeting Location: Hal Marshall Services Center (700 North Tryon St.)
 Time Commitment: 3 hours per month

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Website:
<https://www.mecknc.gov/CommunitySupportServices/PreventionIntervention/Page>



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BOARD ROSTER



GABRIELLE A ALSOP

1st Term Oct 10, 2017 - Sep 22, 2020

Appointing Authority City Council

Position Board Member

Office/Role Hal Marshall Building, 700 N Tryon Street

Category None



TYRONE BENNETT

1st Term May 01, 2018 - Apr 30, 2021

Appointing Authority County Commission

Position Board Member

Category None



NEIL BLOOMFIELD

2nd Term May 01, 2018 - Apr 30, 2021

No Recruitment

Appointing Authority County Commission

Position Chairperson

Office/Role Hal Marshall Building, 700 N Tryon Street

Category None



LAUREN W EGLESTON

1st Term Sep 22, 2016 - Sep 21, 2019

Appointing Authority City Council

Position Vice Chair

Office/Role Hal Marshall Building, 700 N Tryon Street

Category None



GURMAY E FRASER-DARLINGTON

1st Term Nov 08, 2017 - Sep 20, 2020

Appointing Authority Mayor

Position Board Member

Office/Role Hal Marshall Building, 700 N Tryon Street

Category None



DESHALL HILL

1st Term May 01, 2018 - Apr 30, 2021

Appointing Authority County Commission

Position Board Member

Category None



RYAN LOUGHEED

1st Term May 01, 2018 - Apr 30, 2021

No Recruitment

Appointing Authority County Commission

Position Board Member

Office/Role Hal Marshall Building, 700 N Tryon Street

Category None

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WANDA MCWILLIAMS

1st Term May 01, 2018 - Apr 30, 2021

Appointing Authority County Commission

Position Board Member



ANTOINETTE MINGO

1st Term Dec 01, 2017 - Sep 20, 2020

Appointing Authority Mayor

Position Board Member

Office/Role Hal Marshall Building, 700 N Tryon Street

Category None

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TIFFANI NEWBOLD

Partial Term Oct 10, 2017 - Sep 21, 2018

Appointing Authority City Council

Position Board Member

Office/Role Hal Marshall Building, 700 N Tryon Street

Category None



RACQUEL WARD

1st Term May 01, 2018 - Apr 30, 2021

Appointing Authority County Commission

Position Board Member



PATRICIA WILEY

Partial Term Jan 22, 2018 - Sep 21, 2019

Appointing Authority City Council

Position Board Member

Office/Role Hal Marshall Building, 700 N Tryon Street

Category None

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Community Support Services Women's Commission: Then & Now

The formation of the Women's Commission began with a proposal prepared by the Charlotte Women's Political Caucus with the support and endorsement from numerous local women's organizations.



In 1974, the Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) established a community advisory board to provide information and to make recommendations on the status of women in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. Former County Commission Chairwoman Elizabeth "Liz" Hair, is credited with providing the key leadership toward the establishment of the Women's Commission.

Originally referred to as the Commission on the Status of Women, it was renamed in 1979 to the Mecklenburg County Women's Commission with the direct focus on employment, training, domestic violence victim services, and advocacy.

The original Commission on the Status of Women consisted of nine Board of County Commissioners appointees. Nancy Klein and Sarah Stephenson presided as the first Chair and Vice-Chair. Other members included James G. Babb, Jr., Marilyn M. Bradbury, Flo Bryant, Carrie Graves, Eddie Hodgson, Betty Maxwell and William P. Mullis.

Two important Boards were established with members appointed by both the Board of County Commissioners and the City Council. The Women's Commission still serves as the liaison to these Boards.

The Women's Advisory Board (WAB); originally known as the Women's Commission Advisory Board (WCAB), was immediately established in August of 1974 with the purpose to increase public understanding of the problems, needs and abilities of women. Their focus has always been to provide an annual update on the status of women in Mecklenburg County.

The Domestic Violence Advisory Board (DVAB) was established in 1992 and reports annually on the status of domestic violence in the community to both the Board of County Commissioners and the City Council.



The CSS Women's Commission has historically been a catalyst for the development of numerous programs in the community that benefit women and families. Included in its many accomplishments is the key developmental leadership they provided to the establishment of the first Shelter for Battered Women, the Council for Children, Charlotte Emergency Housing and the first batterer's intervention program (ADAM, later became NOVA).

The Women's Commission Department moved under the Community Support Services (CSS) umbrella in 2008 joining Homeless Services and the Veterans Services Office. This newly formed department of Mecklenburg County offers assistance to domestic victims, offenders and child witnesses as well as displaced homemakers, veterans, homeless individuals and individuals living in targeted neighborhoods.



The CSS Women's Commission leads the way still today by implementing and facilitating the first Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team in North Carolina producing law changing recommendations since 2009. They are also leading the charge to establish the Mecklenburg County Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Center opening in 2014.



The CSS Women's Commission leads the way in Charlotte-Mecklenburg with Prevention and Public Awareness efforts coordinating educational events and providing resources to churches, civic groups, schools and local corporations.

Much of the success of the CSS Women's Commission over the past forty years is due to the assistance provided by community volunteers and student interns. One of many examples is the partnership with Safe Alliance in providing community education on domestic violence (DV) through coordination of the Domestic Violence Speakers Bureau. With a pool of more than 80 volunteers, the DV Speaker Bureau has reached more than 90,000 citizens since 2007 averaging more than 13,000 per year.

For more information on the effects of domestic violence in our community, call the Mecklenburg County's Community Support Services Women's Commission at 704-336-3210.

If you need a speaker for your next event contact the Domestic Violence Speakers Bureau at 704-432-1568 or go to <http://DVSB.Charmeck.org>.

