



JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

January 28, 2026 JCPC Full Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Kevin McIver, Alex Hurdle, Nicole Grant, Layton Williams

Members On-line: Dr. Linda (LA) Cutler, Beverly (BJ) Council, Maggie Clapp, Renee Hill, Abigail Holloway, John Morris, Dr. Melissa Watson, Frederick Kearns, Quanesha Archer, Monica Burnette, Ramya Krishna, Jonathan Wilson, LiBria Stephens, Seth Kandl

Programs Present: Raquel Dominguez (CRC)

Programs On-line: Yasmine Boone (PROUD Program), Quille Coath (PROUD Program), Tiffany Swoope (GRACED, Inc.), Cynia Black (Parenting of Adolescents), Arkeem Brooks (Project BUILD), Krystal Harris (Project BUILD)

Guests Present: Ebony Reid, (CRC)

Guests On-line: Jennifer McRant (Youth Home Program Manager), Raven Walters-RYSE Assessment Center, Zakilya Taylor-Thompson (RYSE Assessment Center), Victoria Manson (Youth Home Intern), Amir Young (GRACED, Inc. Intern)

Staff Present: Viveca Deans, Janice Williams

Staff On-line: Walter 'Eddie' Crews, Roshanna Humphrey

Absences: Angela Nunn, Judge Clayton Jones, Duane Brinson

Excused Absences: Commissioner Stephen Valentine, Sgt. Larry Watkins

I. **Welcome & Introductions**

Chair McIver called the meeting to order at 4:05pm and welcomed everyone.

All in-house attendees introduced themselves; roll call was conducted for on-line attendees.

Quorum was established.

II. **November 19, 2025 Minutes review/approval**

Chair McIver called for a motion to approve the November 19th, 2025 minutes. Nicole Grant moved to approve the minutes as presented; Alex Hurdle seconded the motion. The motion carried to approve the JCPC November 19th 2025 minutes by unanimous vote.

III. **Area Consultant Update:** *Walter 'Eddie' Crews, Central Area Consultant*

Risk, Needs & Assessment – YASI Report: *(the full YASI Assessment report was emailed to all Board Members)*

Mr. Crews explained that juveniles go through an intake process through the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) called the YASI Assessment when charged with complaints. The current YASI report being described by Mr. Crews displays assessments that were completed from July 1st, 2024 thru June 30th, 2025 for 308 juveniles. This data is compared to the State's averages in the same categories during the same time frame. The full assessment consists of approximately 130 questions. Major variances in those comparative averages are points of concerns for board members to analyze and evaluate what community preventive and intervention services are needed in Durham.

➤ Noted points of concerns:

* Risk/Needs Strengths Level:

- There are more 'moderate risk' youths than the state average - 54% for Durham compared to the State's 41%.

* Legal History:

- Durham had more felony referrals - 69% for Durham compared to the State's 35%.
- Durham has a very low percentage of youths charged with misdemeanor offenses at school. Compliments were given to the School Resource Officers (SROs) for referring school-aged children to JCPC and other community programs as opposed to charging school-aged juveniles or filing a complaint against them.
- Unfortunately, higher percentages of Durham youth are involved with weapon offenses with Durham at 44% compared to the State's 18%. Durham youths having more access to weapons leads to more serious offenses with tragic outcomes.
- The higher 'aggression rate' in Durham is due more so to juveniles being caught with a weapon as opposed to being charged with committing a crime with a weapon.

* Family:

- There is a slightly higher percentage of runaway youths in Durham - 29% for Durham compared to the State's 21%.

* School:

- There is a lower rate of school attendance in the Durham juvenile court population - 31% for Durham compared to the State's 57%.
- There are more unexcused absences - 33% for Durham compared to the State's 19%.
- There are more school conflicts – 31% for Durham compared to the State's 16%.
- There are less police reports filed in Durham – 5% for Durham compared to the State's 22%.

* Community and Peers:

- There's a higher percentage of 'Negative Delinquent Influence' - 57% for Durham compared to the State's 46%.

* Alcohol and Drugs:

- There is not much variance between Durham's and the State's averages for alcohol and drug use due to the high percentages of increased use of vapes and alcohol by school aged youths across the State.

* Mental Health:

- A mental health diagnosis goes hand-in-hand and justice-involved juveniles in that 85% of the youth in Youth Development/Detention Centers have at least one mental health diagnosis.

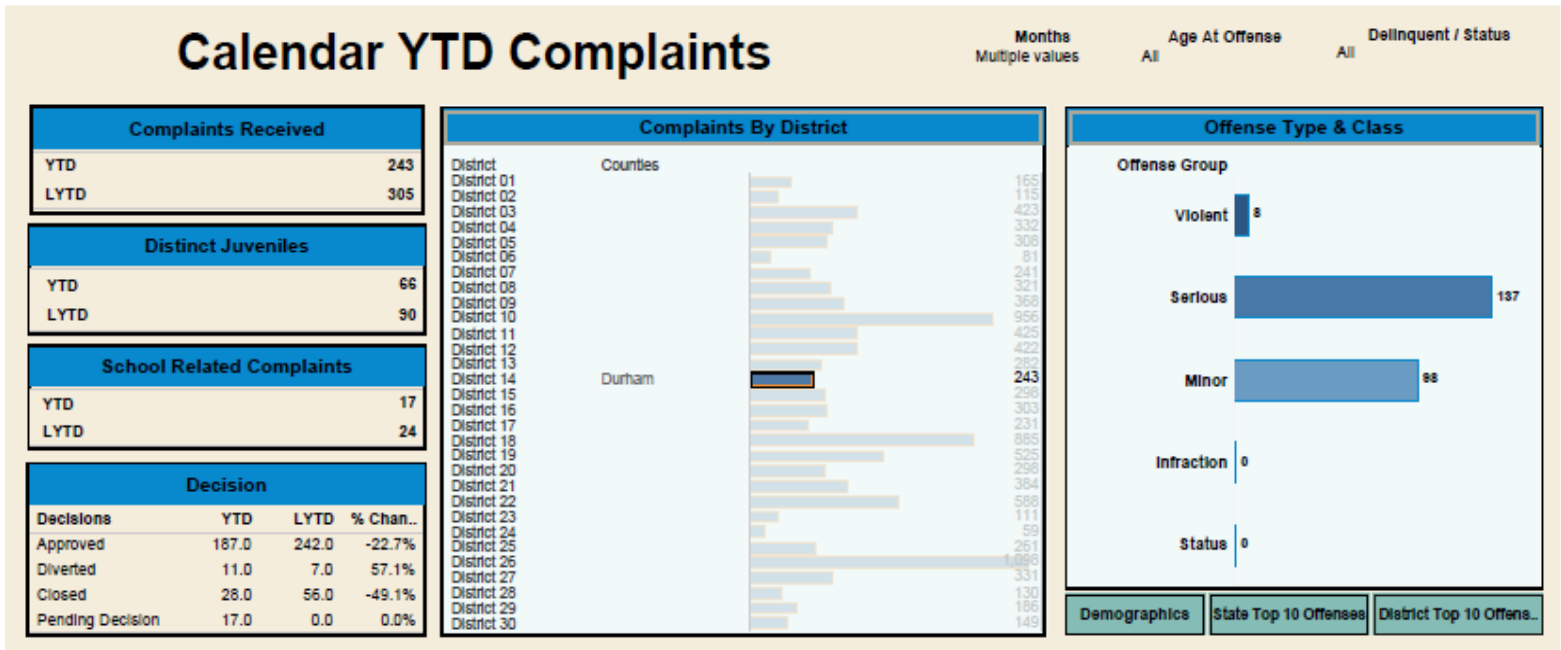
* Physical Health:

- There is a higher rate of uninsured juveniles – 22% for Durham compared to the State's 10%.

* Aggression:

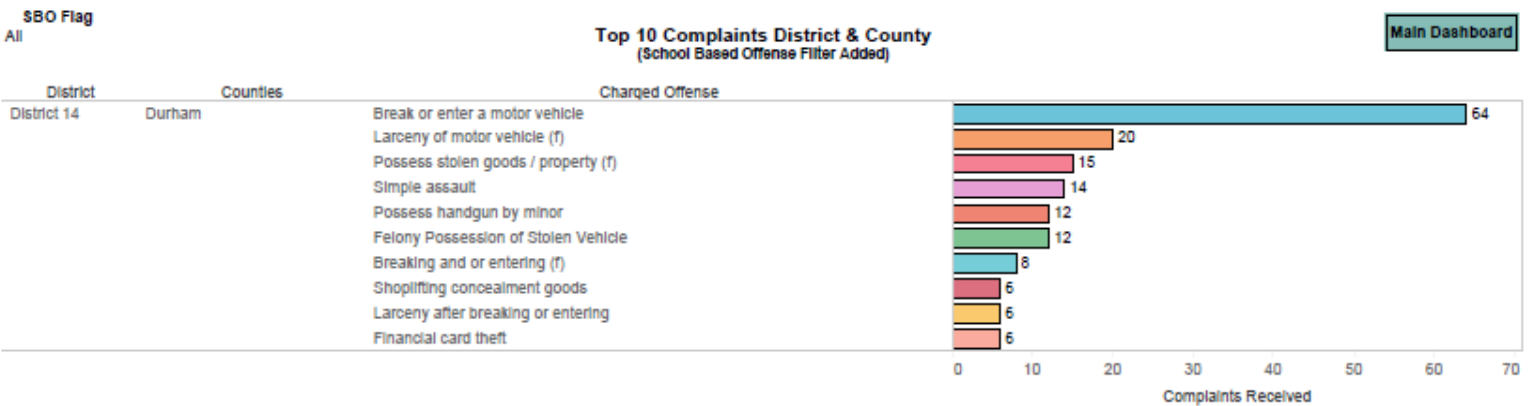
- 'Displaying a weapon' rate is higher – 27% for Durham compared to the State's 11%.
- The 'Used a Weapon' rate is higher – 19% for Durham compared to the State's 8%.

Calendar YTD Complaint Data Report: 7.1.2025 thru 10.29.2025 compared to 7.1.2024 thru 10.29.2024



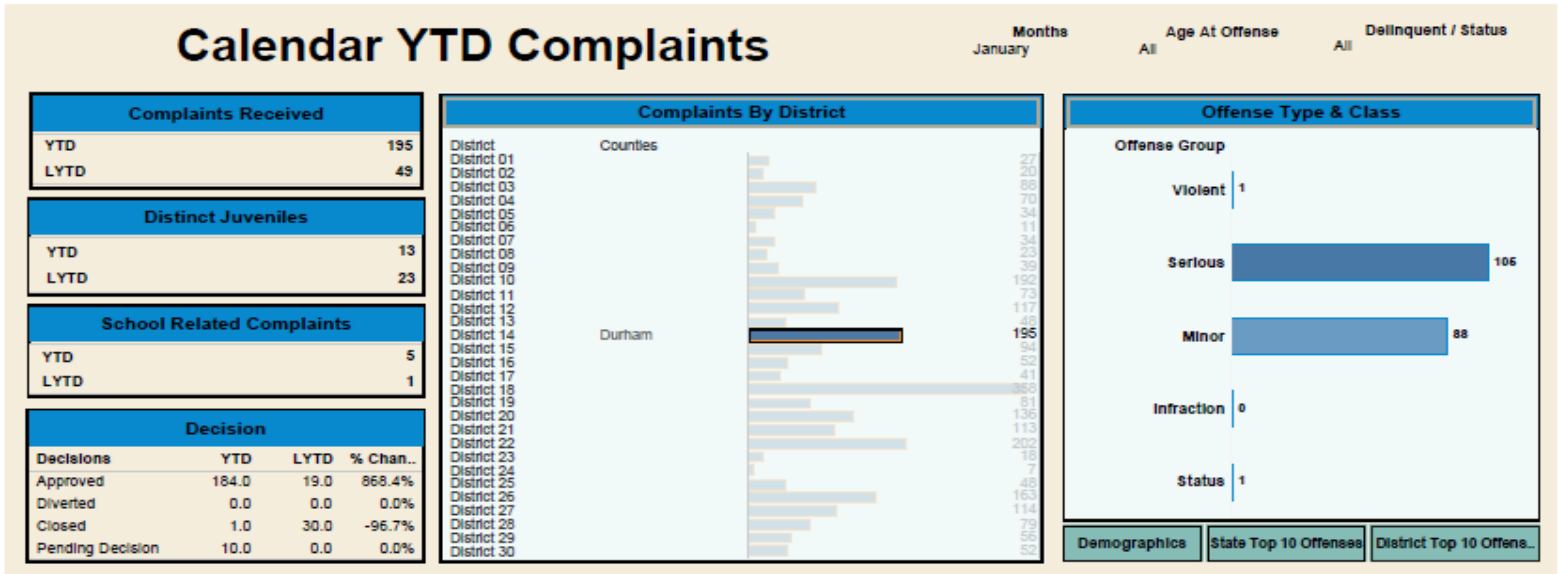
- 'Complaints Received' decreased in Durham from 305 in 2024 to 243 in 2025.
- The number of 'Distinct Juveniles' decreased from 90 in 2024 to 66 in 2025.

Top 10 Complaints Report: 7.1.2025 thru 10.29.2025



- As previously stated, 'Break or enter a motor vehicle' constitutes the highest number of complaints received.

Calendar YTD Complaint Data Report: 1.1.2026 thru 1.28.2026



- Although the 'Complaints Received' is a very high number – 195 for January 2026 compared to 49 for January 2025, the 'Distinct Juveniles' complaint number is lower than last year's – 13 in 2026 compared to 23 in 2025.

Top 10 Complaints Report: 1.1.2026 thru 1.28.2026



- The 144 complaints for 'Break or enter a motor vehicle' is again, indicative of each youth charged committing multiple breaking and entering violations.

? Is there a tracking mechanism in place where a record is kept for low-level offenders who move up to the more serious A – E felonies?

Answer: Ms. Grant stated that this can be tracked if/when the juvenile who committed the minor offense returns to the justice system for committing a more serious offense.

? Is there a reason why juveniles are committing crimes not included in the assessment?

Answer:

↳ Ms. Grant stated that past legal history, family dynamics, and all of the domains in the assessment play a part in defining the types of behaviors juveniles are exhibiting, which captures some reasons as to why crimes are being committed.

- ↪ Attorney Stephens stated that there are a myriad of answers as to ‘why’ juveniles become justice-involved and is difficult to pinpoint a specific reason.
- ↪ Raven Walters stated that it takes a long time to get answers as to why crimes are committed by juveniles because it involves a psychological examination as to what’s going on in the youths’ lives. RYSE tries to ascertain what the root causes of juveniles committing crimes are through the use of their ongoing assessments.

? Is JCPC intervention or prevention?

Answer: Mr. Crews answered it’s both - the majority of juveniles in Durham’s JCPC programs are not court involved.

- ✚ Renee Hill expressed a deep concern that truancy is something that Durham County has not addressed for a long time to which Chair McIver stated that more information regarding the truancy situation in Durham would be provided.

IV. DPS Update: *Dr. Melissa Watson, Director of Student Alternatives and Supports*

Dr. Watson reported that DPS has created a program called Rise Together for middle and high school students. This program will support scholars who have exhibited the behaviors described in the Risk, Needs and Assessment report as they return to their home school. Substantial personalized support will be offered in elevating the scholars’ voice during the reentry process.

- ✚ Dr. Watson will reach out to some JCPC members to participate in facilitating group discussions (along with the superintendent and his Student Advisory Council) regarding involvement with monitoring students’ reentry progress in order to avoid returning to Lakeview.
- ✚ Dr. Watson expressed great appreciation for JCPC’s member BJ Council’s enthusiastic willingness to do whatever it takes to assist with the initiatives of DPS in supporting Durham’s youths.

(Chair McIver omitted the monthly Program Update presentation and moved forward with the 6-Month Measurable Objectives Reports)

V. 6-Month Measurable Objectives Reports: *(the Program’s November and December monthly updates and 6-Month Measurable Objectives Reports were emailed to all board members)*

❶ Project BUILD: *presented by Arkeem Brooks, Program Manager*

Mr. Brooks reported that the program:

- ◆ was estimated to serve 100 clients; 101 was actually served
- ◆ is on task with all goals
- ◆ is working on reducing the participants school suspensions

❷ PROUD Program: *presented by Yasmin Boone, Intake Counselor*

Ms. Boone reported that the program:

- ◆ was estimated to serve 55; 31 was actually served; there were 13 completions
- ◆ is anticipating a new group starting one (1) week after the completion of the current group’s completion in February

? Were the 13 completions successful or unsuccessful?

Answer: Yes, all 13 completions were successful. The majority of the 13 students were not justice-involved. The Program conducts a 3-, 6-, 9-, and 12-month follow-up for all of the youth who complete the program.

Mr. Coath added that a lot of juveniles in the program are referred by SROs and the PROUD program has been very successful in preventing them from escalating to juvenile court.

- * Mr. Crews explained that the Measurable Objectives Report is a system-generated report and consists of pre-loaded objectives that are created by the State for each particular program.

Definition: **Terminations = Completions**

⑥ **Parenting of Adolescents:** *presented by Cynia Black, Program Manager*

Ms. Black reported that the:

Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TFCBT):

- ♦ was estimated to serve 10; 5 were actually served
- ♦ one student successfully terminated from services
- ♦ the 4–6-month program standard completion time has not yet ended; more students are expected to successfully terminate/complete services

In-Home Family Counseling/Intensive Intervention:

- ♦ provides specific services for juveniles referred from the Department of Juvenile Justice for multidimensional family therapy
- ♦ was estimated to serve 7; 3 were actually served; 2 were successfully terminated

Parenting of Adolescents Program/Multi-Dimensional Family Therapy Service (MDFT):

- ♦ was estimated to serve 20; 8 were actually served; 1 was successfully terminated
- ♦ all three (3) programs are on track with the program goals (anticipating more completions at the end of the month), and are also on track with the measurable objectives

④ **Durham Teen Court & Restitution Program:** *no representative present – reports submitted*

⑤ **GRACED:** *presented by Tiffany Swoope, Executive Director*

Ms. Swoope reported that the program:

- ♦ was estimated to serve 40; 19 were actually served; 3 were successfully terminated
- ♦ services are on track and are on target with meeting the Measurable Objective Goals

⑥ **Elna B. Spaulding Conflict Resolution:** *reported by Raquel Dominguez, Executive Director*

Ms. Dominguez reported that:

Youth Mediation:

- ♦ was estimated to serve 25; 10 were actually served; 2 were successfully terminated

Truancy:

- ♦ was estimated to serve 50; 30 were actually served; 0 terminations
- ♦ being that the students entered the program in September and has a 4 -5-month program standard for completion, there are no terminations at this time

Chair McIver stated that keeping up with the measurable objectives allows the Council to understand and know how to help each program achieve successful completions going forward for the betterment of service to the community.

VI. **Chair Update:**

- Monitoring Reports are due January 30th
- Chair McIver emphasized the importance of **every** Council member's attendance at the monthly full Board meetings and **everyone's** involvement in fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of this committee. The Durham JCPC is charged with being part of the solution for the prevention and mitigation of juvenile delinquency in Durham. With that said, Chair McIver thanked Chief Court Counselor Nicole Grant, her staff, all attorneys, and all program personnel for being present for Durham's youth in their places of business and at these board meetings.

VII. Other Business/Announcements:

- On February 20th Ms. Grant is sponsoring an all-day community resource event from 9am – 4pm where the JCPC and other community programs will present the services that their programs offer and meet with DJJ staff.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. Chair McIver adjourned the meeting at 5:23pm.