



Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Minutes **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**

Members Present: Dawn Baxton, Mike Sistrom, Dorothy Hairston Mitchell, Roshanna Humphrey, Eric Johnson, Dr. Angeloe Burch, Tonia Rogers-Dixon, Lao Rubert, Dr. Rodney Jenkins, Dwane Brinson, Angela Winchester

Guests: Tiffany Blackburn, Department of Adult Corrections-Community Development Specialist, Krystal Harris- Director of Durham County's Community Intervention Services Department and Support

Staff: Robin Heath, Jenni Amis, Rasheeda Royster, Janice Williams

Excused Absences: Dave Crispell, Jesse Battle, Michael O'Foghluda

Absent: Clayton Jones, Mayor Leonardo Williams, Nikki Harrington, Santana DeBerry, Thomas Cote, Walter Tate, Ben Haas, Maggie Clapp, Nida Allam

1. Welcome and Introductions: Chair Baxton

Chair Baxton called the meeting to order at 4:05pm, welcomed all attendees, stated that Roshanna Humphrey and Mike Sistrom would assist in facilitating this meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Quorum was not established.

2. Approval of January 27, 2026 Minutes:

3. Opioid Settlement Updates: Roshanna Humphrey

4. City County Violence Reduction Plan Update:

5. Local Reentry Council Update: Robin Heath and Rasheeda Roster

6. Areas of Interest for FY '25-'26 – Mike Sistrom, Vice Chair

Mr. Sistrom opened the floor up for suggestions of areas of interest and or potential policies or presentations for CJAC to explore and informed the Committee that a Durham Family Court update will be presented soon.

- ★ Lao Rubert: There are a number of people who are spending more time in jail than necessary and perhaps this issue can be further explored since this is an issue beyond what the sheriff alone can address.
 - Mr. Siström stated that there are community safety and wellness task force proposals relevant to this issue, including specific practical ways to expand pre- and post-arrest diversion and support (which is something the committee can explore).
- ★ The stigma of Substance Use Disorders as they relate to employment
- ★ How the Opioid Settlement funds are being utilized as it relates to Substance Use Disorders
- ★ Dr. Jenkins mentioned that as a part of the Citizens for Public Health's annual meeting, First Lady Anna Stein was hosted at the Health & Human Services Building on Friday, January 23rd. Mrs. Stein is diving into a lot of criminal justice efforts by setting a very ambitious goal of visiting 55 jails/prisons in order to understand the plights of the incarcerated. Dr. Jenkins suggested to engage Mrs. Stein's office to see how CJAC might be of service and perhaps partner in this endeavor. Dr. Jenkins offered his office services to assist in facilitating communication with Mrs. Stein.

(previous suggestions)
- ★ Chair Baxton alerted CJAC to a new bill – House Bill 307 - that is now on the governor's desk and is going to increase the length of time served for incarcerated individuals. Thoughts on how CJAC as a group can address this is encouraged.
- ★ Implications of the two new state laws on sentencing time and probation
- ★ Improvements to A/N/D Court beyond Family Drug Court
- ★ Opportunities for local bail reform. (An old Task Force proposal)
- ★ Expanding pre-arrest diversion (An old Task Force proposal)
- ★ Creating a DUI Court for Durham
- ★ Improving the sexual assault/domestic violence system

7. Brief Member Updates:

8. Other Business:

🌈 **Next Meeting date:**

❖ **July 28, 2026**

Mrs. Humphrey adjourned the meeting at 5:04pm