



CITY OF DOVER

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD BIOGRAPHIES



Dr. Chanda Jackson (Education Sector 2/City Resident), is the Co-Chairperson and a lifelong resident of Dover, Delaware, is a seasoned social work professional and public service leader deeply rooted in community advocacy, education, and equity. She currently serves as the Family Services Cabinet Council Projects Director at the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, where she leads cross-agency initiatives that support children, families, and vulnerable communities across the state. Prior to this role, Dr. Jackson served as the Restoring Central Dover Manager at NCALL Research, Inc., where she played a critical role in neighborhood revitalization efforts, grassroots partnerships, and community planning. Dr. Jackson holds a Doctor of Social Work from Capella University and earned both her Bachelor of Science and Master of Social Work degrees from Delaware State University. She is also the current President of the Capital School District Board and actively serves on several nonprofit boards, including the HELP Initiative, Trauma Matters Delaware, Dover Police Athletic League, and the Delaware Center for Justice. A 2019 graduate of Leadership Delaware, she is widely respected for her ability to build coalitions that foster sustainable change. Her previous community work includes leading efforts such as Lights on Dover Strong and Open Streets Dover, as well as volunteering with the Mayor's Taskforce to End Homelessness, the Community Response Team addressing the opioid crisis, and the MLK Voice 4 Youth initiative. Dr. Jackson joined the Police Advisory Board in response to a call for greater collaboration between police and the community. "When the Chief shared his vision, I was ready to support in any way I could," she recalls. Her leadership is grounded in both personal lived experience and a professional commitment to systems-level change. She is passionate about helping Dover grow into a more unified, equitable, and safe community for all who call it home.



Rev. Dr. Carol E. Boggerty (Clergy/Re-Entry/City Resident) serves on the Dover Police Advisory Board as the Co-Chairperson bringing a wealth of experience at the intersection of faith, healthcare, and community leadership. She is the Director of Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy Services at Bayhealth Medical Center, where she also leads the Clinical Pastoral Education Program. In addition, she is Senior Pastor of The WELL Church in Dover and Board Chair of the Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing. Dr. Boggerty also serves as Social Action Chair of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA), Chair of the NAACP Religious Affairs Committee, a member of the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission, and the Delaware Behavioral Health Consortium. A longtime advocate for equity, justice, and public safety, she is committed to building strong partnerships between law enforcement and the community, ensuring that every voice is heard and every life is valued.



Mr. Waverly Debraux (Youth Behavioral Health Specialist/City Resident) serves the Dover community as a Family Therapist, specializing in working with youth who are navigating behavioral challenges and helping them build positive pathways forward. With a deep commitment to restorative practices and mental health support, Mr. Debraux brings valuable frontline experience to the Police Advisory Board, especially around youth intervention, prevention, and emotional development. His therapeutic work centers on transformation through guidance, support, and accountability—offering youth and families the tools they need to thrive. In addition to his professional work, Mr. Debraux is an active leader within the Greek community in Dover, proudly serving as Assistant Keeper of Records for the local chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., a historic and service-driven organization rooted in the principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Through his involvement with Omega Psi Phi—part of the “Mighty” Second District—Mr. Debraux supports mentorship programs, educational initiatives, and outreach projects that positively impact Black youth and families across the region. Mr. Debraux joined the Police Advisory Board to represent voices often left out of conversations about public safety—those of young people struggling with behavioral issues, and the families who support them. His lived experience and clinical perspective allow him to approach police-community relations with both empathy and structure. He believes that meaningful community change must start with trust, communication, and early intervention. Mr. Debraux is especially focused on youth behavioral health, education, and culturally competent responses to community conflict. He remains committed to bridging law enforcement and the community through partnerships that uplift and protect all Dover residents, especially its most vulnerable.



Ms. Charlisa Holloway Edelin, J.D. (DSU Based FTE Educator/Attorney) brings over two decades of legal, educational, and civic leadership to the Dover Police Advisory Board. She currently serves as Assistant Dean of Student Life and Academic Success at Delaware State University, where she supports student development and leads academic initiatives that promote equity, belonging, and success. Before this role, she served as Associate Professor and Co-Director of Legal Studies at DSU, where she helped expand and shape the university’s legal and criminal justice programs. Dr. Edelin is a licensed attorney and a proud graduate of Howard University School of Law, with a professional journey that bridges both courtroom advocacy and classroom empowerment. Prior to joining Delaware State, Dr. Edelin taught for seven years at Wesley College, where she created and restructured legal and criminal justice programs that doubled department enrollment. Her leadership extends beyond academia—Dr. Edelin served for nine years as an elected Vice President on the Appoquinimink School District Board of Education, overseeing a \$31 million budget and advocating for over 16,000 diverse K-12 learners. A recognized voice in education and public service, she is also an alumna of the Rutgers University (formerly UPenn) Center for Minority Serving Institutions’ Executive Leadership Program for HBCU and MSI leaders. Dr. Edelin is a lifelong advocate for justice, equity, and generational change. As Chairwoman of Policy and Procedures and Social Action for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., she leads advocacy rooted in community uplift. Now a full-time resident and leader in Dover, she brings her sharp legal mind, deep educational experience, and commitment to inclusive leadership to the Police Advisory Board. She looks forward to helping shape a system of community safety and policing that reflects the values and voices of all Dover residents—especially students, families, and historically underrepresented communities.



Mrs. Courtney Ford (Community Relations/Youth Development/City Resident) is a committed community advocate and long-time resident of Dover, Delaware, where she has lived since 2013. She currently serves as the Marketing and Community Relations Coordinator at Ahl and O'Connor Orthodontics, connecting families to expert orthodontic care across Central and Southern Delaware. Before this role, Courtney served as the Aquatic Director at the Dover YMCA, where she led inclusive wellness programs and built relationships with individuals and families from all walks of life. Her leadership extended beyond the pool deck—engaging youth and teens through collaborative initiatives with the City of Dover, Special Olympics Delaware, Autism Delaware, Dover Air Force Base, and Delaware State University. A dedicated swim coach and mentor, she continues to uphold the YMCA's core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility through her work with young people. Courtney's involvement with the Dover Police Athletic League deepened her understanding of how proactive community engagement can bridge gaps and foster trust. She joined the Police Advisory Board to help create solution-focused dialogue between the community and the police, especially for Dover's youth. Driven by a belief in the power of early intervention and education, she is committed to promoting harmony, equity, and respect in law enforcement practices. Her leadership is rooted in lived experience, service, and a genuine love for the city she now calls home.



Imam Arqum Rashid (Clergy Member/Attorney/City Resident) is the Resident Scholar and Imam at the Islamic Society of Central Delaware, the largest mosque in the state and a key spiritual and cultural institution in Dover. He also serves as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in Maryland and brings a rare combination of religious scholarship, legal expertise, and public service to his community work. Imam Arqum holds a degree in Islamic Law from Al-Azhar University in Egypt, a Juris Doctor from Delaware Law School, and a Master's in Interreligious Studies from Hartford International University, where he is currently pursuing a Ph.D. His academic research centers on the concept of human dignity in Islamic thought and law, a theme that also guides his community engagement. Previously, Mr. Rashid served as a Deputy Attorney General in Delaware and as an Assistant State's Attorney in Maryland. He is also the President and Director of Riwaq Institute, a nonprofit focused on education and interfaith dialogue. In addition, he volunteers as a Muslim chaplain at the Stevenson House Detention Center and remains active in several interfaith initiatives throughout the region. A Pennsylvania native now residing in Delaware, he memorized the Quran at a young age and has led Taraweeh prayers annually for over 16 years. His public teaching has included international television programming, such as "The Quran Circle" and "Let's Talk," and he continues to deliver lectures and khutbahs throughout the Mid-Atlantic. Mr. Rashid joined the Police Advisory Board with the belief that meaningful change begins with sincere dialogue and a shared commitment to justice. "This initiative is a commendable step toward fostering trust, stability, and understanding between the people of Dover and its institutions," he shared. He hopes to support efforts that strengthen community-police relationships through education, empathy, and ethical leadership.



Mr. Robby Sheehan (Business Management/DDP/City Based FTE BBSI) is a business executive with a deep commitment to fostering community partnerships and economic opportunity across Kent County and the City of Dover. Currently serving as area manager for BBSI (Barrett Business Services, Inc.), Robby oversees business management and client service operations across the region. In 2020, he received BBSI's inaugural "Branch of the Year" Award from the organization's CEO, recognizing his leadership during a period of unprecedented growth. Robby brings over a decade of experience in both public and private sectors—having previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Government and Community Relations at Salisbury University, where he secured funding for major capital and community development projects. Robby's commitment to public service is rooted in both professional and personal experience. He served as Executive Pastor at The Uprising at St. Paul's Church in Hebron, Maryland, where he led outreach efforts focused on supporting underserved populations, including families experiencing homelessness and poverty. A proud graduate of Chesapeake College and Salisbury University, Robby later earned his MPA from the University of Pennsylvania and is currently pursuing his MBA at the University of Cambridge's Judge School of Business (UK). In 2023, he was honored with Chesapeake College's inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award and was also named board emeritus of the College's Foundation Board after serving as the organization's president. Currently living in Kent County with his wife and two sons, Robby actively contributes to the local community as a youth sports coach and through his work on the executive board of the Kent Sussex Leadership Alliance and the Downtown Dover Partnership's workforce development subcommittee. He joined the Police Advisory Board to support efforts that build trust, transparency, and accountability between law enforcement and the community. With a background that bridges policy, business, faith, and family, Robby is passionate about helping shape a safer, more inclusive Dover for all residents.