

**DURHAM  
COUNTY**



**Naming Request –  
William V. “Bill” Bell Lobby  
Presentation to the BOCC**

**> August 25, 2025**

# Durham County Naming/Renaming Policy Highlights

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- > The policy was adopted August 2016
- > No entire building can be named for an individual, only features, areas, spaces, rooms, articles located within a Durham County facility
- > The authority to name, rename or revoke a name is vested in the Durham County BOCC
- > Requests must be made via application
- > Applications are submitted to the BOCC to review and forwarded to the Naming Committee
- > Applications are reviewed by the Naming Committee which reviews the application and makes a recommendation to the BOCC
- > The BOCC reviews and approves the recommendation or makes its own recommendation
- > Once approved, the recommendation goes to public hearing to discuss and receive public comment
- > Following the public hearing, the BOCC votes to naming/renaming

# Durham County Naming Committee

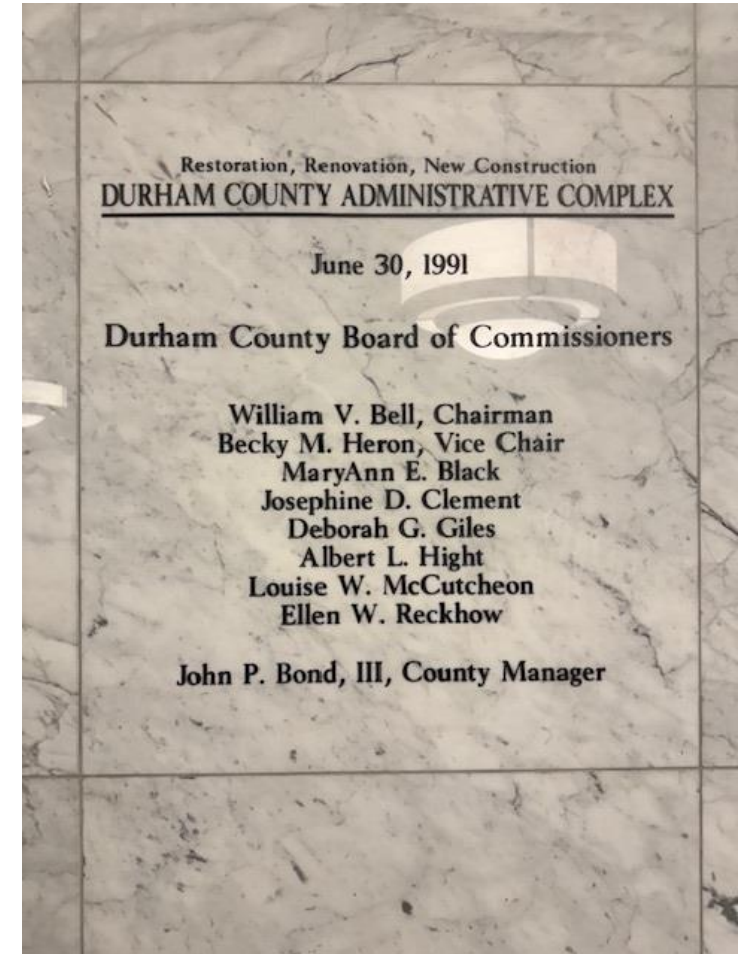
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- > Deborah Craig-Ray, Chief Communications Officer
- > Kathy Everett-Perry, Chief Human Resources Officer
- > Motiryo Keambiroiro, Director of General Services
- > Shannon Trapp, Director of Community Partnerships & Engagement
- > Monica Wallace, Clerk to the Board
- > Larissa Williamson, County Attorney

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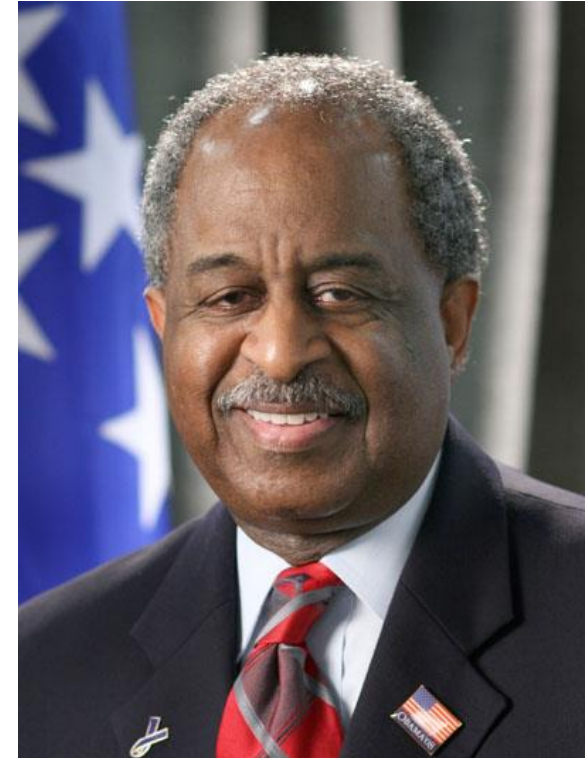
- > Original application was received in October 2023 to name the Durham Convention Center in honor of William V. “Bill” Bell
- > After discussion about the policy, a revised application was received in August 2024 to name the William V. “Bill” Bell Lobby located on the second floor of Admin I, between the Innovation Lab and Clerk’s Office at 200 E Main Street, Durham, NC 27701
- > Request submitted by Kristen Bell
- > In honor of William V. “Bill” Bell’s service as Durham County Commissioner from 1972-1994, Chair of the BOCC from 1982-1994 and 1996-2000
- > His name is listed on the marker outside of the elevator on the second floor between the BOCC chambers and the proposed lobby



# Committee Recommendation

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- > **William V. “Bill” Bell Lobby** will hang above the photo
- > Like the BOCC photos hanging in the Chambers, the 15”x19” photo will hang in the lobby with a wood frame measuring 23”x29”
- > A brass plaque will be mounted beneath the photo
- > The naming will be unveiled at an event honoring William V. “Bill” Bell
- > **Recommendation was originally presented to the BOCC at the May 5, 2025 meeting of the Board**



***William V. “Bill” Bell***  
***Durham County Commissioner, 1972-1994,***  
***Chair of the BOCC, 1982-1994 and 1996-2000***



# Committee Recommendation

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- > The lettering and photo will hang in the second floor of Admin I, between the Innovation Lab and Clerk's Office at 200 E Main Street, Durham, NC 27701 in one of three locations:



Option 1 – Facing the entry point when you enter from elevator on left or right side.



Option 2 – Right wall corner when entering from the elevator on either wall side.



Option 3 – Left column in center of room when entering from the elevator.

# Next Steps

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- > Public hearing on August 25, 2025
- > BOCC final approval on August 25, 2025
- > If approved, unveiling event to be held on a date and time to be determined

Thank you