

**DURHAM
COUNTY**



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

> May 5, 2025

Durham County Naming/Renaming Policy Highlights

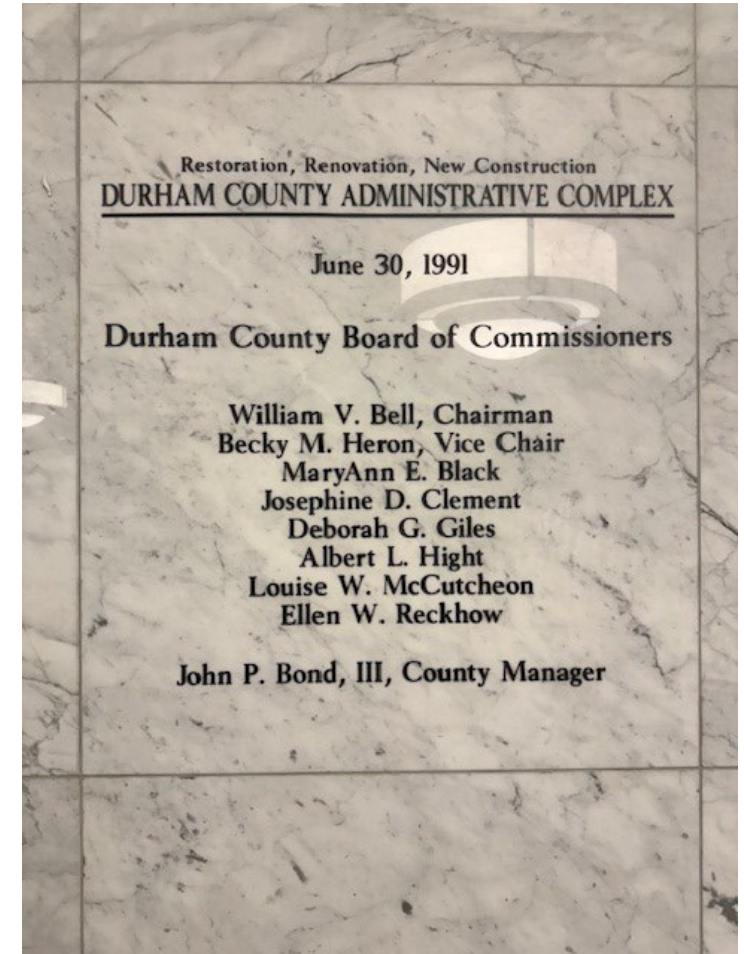
- > The policy was adopted August 2016
- > No entire building can be named for an individual, only features, areas, spaces, rooms, articles located within a Durham County facility
- > The authority to name, rename or revoke a name is vested in the Durham County BOCC
- > Requests must be made via application
- > 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

- > Deborah Craig-Ray, Chief Communications Officer
- > Julio Delgado, Assistant County Manager
- > Kathy Everett-Perry, Chief Human Resources Officer
- > Shannon Trapp, Chief of Staff
- > Monica Wallace, Clerk to the Board
- > Larissa Williamson, County Attorney

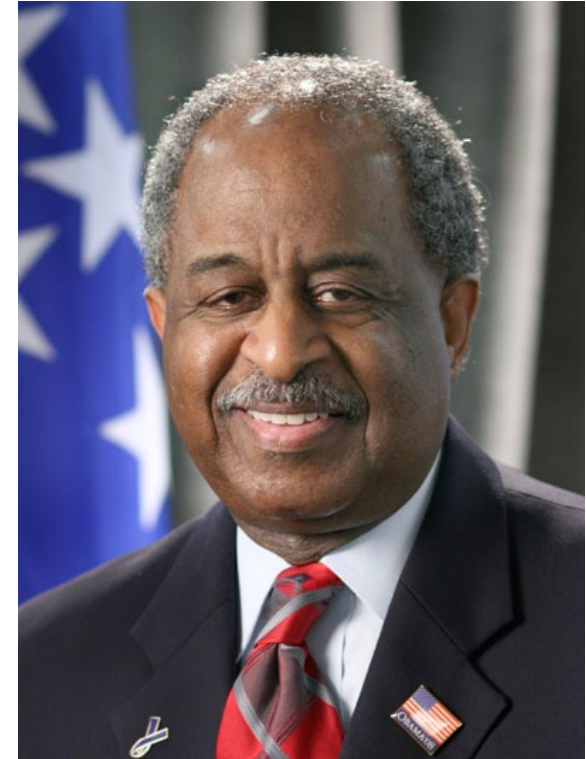
Naming Request: William V. “Bill” Bell Lobby

- > Original application was received in October 2023 to name the Durham Convention Center in honor of William Bell
- > After discussion about the policy, a revised application was received in August 2024 to name the William 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. 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

- > **William V. “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



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

Committee Recommendation

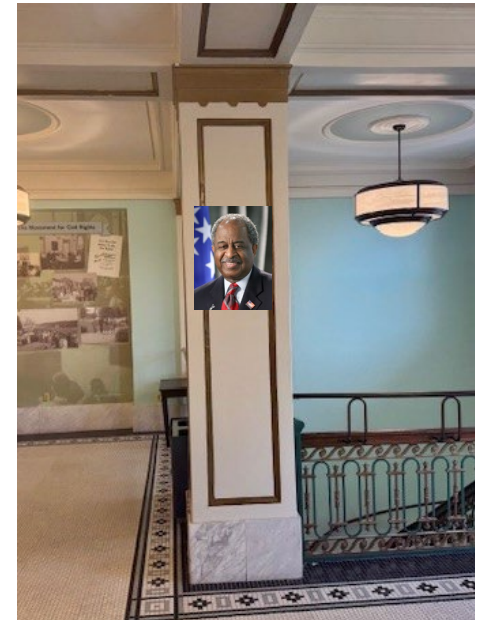
- > The lettering and photo will hang in the second floor of Admin I, between the Innovation Lab and Clerk's Office at 200 E Main Street, Durham, NC 27701 in one of three locations:



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

- > Public hearing on *May 27, 2025*
- > BOCC final approval on *May 27, 2025*
- > If approved, unveiling event to be held on a date and time to be determined

Thank you