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Board Announces Re-Appointment of Ms. Patrice Barnes

The Durham Regional Police Services Board is pleased to announce that Ms. Patrice Barnes has been reappointed to the Board by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario for a three-year term. Her initial appointment to the Board was effective March 7, 2019.

“I am thrilled to represent the community as a member of the Police Services Board, and I will continue to advocate for effective, accountable and professional policing,” said Ms. Barnes. “I look forward to the important work ahead with my fellow Board members, Chief Rollauer and the sworn and civilian members of the DRPS to help the Service continue to earn the trust of our community by providing exceptional policing services. I thank the Provincial Government for its continued confidence in me.”

“Ms. Barnes has earned the respect and admiration of her fellow Board members as an informed, committed, and vocal representative of the community,” said Board Chair, Bobbie Drew. “Her contributions to Board deliberations and decision-making reflect wisdom and passion, and we look forward to her continued presence at the Board table.”

The Durham Regional Police Services Board is the civilian governing body of the Police Service. Its responsibilities include establishing objectives for policing in consultation with the Chief of the Police, setting policies for the effective management of the Police Service, and hiring and monitoring the performance of the Chief of Police. The Board consists of seven members, three appointed by the Province of Ontario and four chosen by Regional Council.

Biographical Notes – Ms. Patrice Barnes

Ms. Patrice Barnes was elected to Durham District School Board to represent Ajax, in 2014 and reelected in 2018. In this role, Ms. Barnes serves as the Co-Chair of the Diversity Steering Committee, Special Education Committee and Chair of Education Finance Committee. She also serves as a Director with the Ontario Public School Board Association.

Ms. Barnes is passionate about inclusive education, success for all kids, and improving learning outcomes for those who are marginalized. She is actively involved in her community.

Ms. Barnes was born and raised in Jamaica and immigrated to Canada when she was 18. As an advocate for diversity, she is often called upon to share her experiences at special events and conferences.

