



DURHAM REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE BOARD

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Statement by the Police Service Board – Misconduct Investigation into Deputy Chief

On February 25, 2026, the Durham Regional Police Service Board became aware of alleged misconduct by a Deputy Chief. A Special Meeting of the Board took place at the earliest opportunity, in order for the Board to consider the matter as expeditiously as possible and exercise its responsibilities under the *Community Safety and Policing Act*.

The Deputy Chief is alleged to have used a racially inappropriate term during an internal support network meeting, attended by sworn and civilian members of the DRPS. This alleged misconduct will be investigated by an independent third party with the firm objective of ensuring accountability and demonstrating the Board's unwavering commitment to the importance of equity, diversity and inclusion.

The Board and Chief Moreira are committed to ensuring that the DRPS demonstrates the highest standards of professionalism and conduct that earn the trust and confidence of the community.

The Deputy Chief has been suspended with pay pursuant to the provisions of the CSPA, while the investigation occurs. No further comments will be made by the Board, pending the outcome of the investigation.

The Durham Regional Police Service 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 adequate and effective policing and the administration 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.

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