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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION SWEARS IN NEW MEMBERS

RALEIGH – Five new representatives were sworn in Friday as members of the Domestic Violence Commission of the [N.C. Council for Women](#) during the group's quarterly meeting.

Judge Wanda Bryant of Durham, delivered the oath to: District Court Judge **Sharon T. Barrett** of Asheville and Wake County Clerk of Superior Court **Nancy Lorrin Freeman** of Raleigh; both appointed by Gov. Bev Purdue; and Sheriff **Dewey E. Jones** of Roxboro, Durham County Magistrate **Steven R. Storch** of Bahama, and **Ben Thalheimer** of Charlotte, family law attorney with the law firm of Moretz & Skufca, each appointed by the Speaker of the House.

Also announced as newly appointed members of the Domestic Violence Commission were: **Monika Johnson-Hostler of Raleigh**, Executive Director of N.C. Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and the **Rev. Dr. Aleese Moore-Orbih** of Durham, Director of Training and Consulting, Faith Trust Institute (Purdue appointees); and **Alisa Hunt-Lowery** of Clayton, Scholarship Chair, Triangle Native American Society (Speaker of the House appointee).

The 39-member Domestic Violence Commission assesses statewide needs related to domestic violence and collaborates with the N.C. Council for Women to strengthen existing domestic violence programs. Additionally, the Commission examines the status and needs of families in their efforts to live in a violence-free environment. The Commission is chaired by Karen Parker Thompson of Charlotte, Chief of Strategic Initiatives at United Family Services.

A full roster of Domestic Commission members can be reviewed on the Council website, www.nccfwdvc.com.

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