Special thanks to Executive Assistant Lisa Chambers and Deputy Law Director Ronald Mills who have served PARC since its inception.

We would also like to recognize and thank past and present PARC members.

Listed in chronological order dating from 1998—present

Sterling Owen, IV *  
Bridget Bailey  
Robyn Askew*  
Rev. Reginald Butler*  
Dr. Joe Johnson  
Kamau Kenyatta  
Rev. Jim McCluskey  
Vivian Gwinn  
Dr. Avice Evans Reid*  
Rev. George W.C. Lyons, Jr.  
Santos Aguilar  
William Cole*  
Robert Murrian  
Lysette Aviles-Kok  
Ola Blackmon-McBride*

Rev. John Butler  
Waneta Long  
Rabbi Beth Schwartz  
J. Laurens Tullock  
Steven Fisher*  
Robbie Arrington  
Cynthia White  
Ann Barker  
Rosa Mar*  
Melford Robinson  
Jered Croom  
H. Frank Shanklin  
LaKenya Middlebrook  
Robert Gibson

* Served as PARC Chairperson
Brief History of PARC

Realizing there was an urgent need to restore trust between the Knoxville Police Department and the citizens they serve, Mayor Victor Ashe issued an Executive Order to create the Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC) on September 22, 1998. The civilian oversight model was comprised of a 7 member volunteer citizen committee and a full-time executive director. That model is still in use today.

Based on its success, PARC became a formal part of the City of Knoxville’s Code of Ordinances in May 2001 (Ordinance No. 0-194-01). PARC is designed to strengthen the relationship between the citizens of the City of Knoxville and the Knoxville Police Department. Additionally, PARC provides an independent review of police activity and makes recommendations to the police chief.

Through PARC’s quarterly public meetings, citizens have an opportunity to hear case statistics and learn about the types of issues being addressed by the committee. These meetings also provide a framework for citizens to ask questions and express concerns with KPD’s chief and command staff.

Over the past 20 years, 29 citizens have served the community as PARC committee members and all of our executive directors have provided national leadership by serving on committees or as board members of the National Association for Civilian Oversight. PARC is the longest continuously running citizen police advisory board in Tennessee.

Order of Program

Opening Remarks
Madeline Rogero, Mayor
City of Knoxville

Overview of PARC
Clarence L. Vaughn III
Executive Director, PARC

Reflections
Bernard E. Bernstein, Esq.
Chair, Bernstein Commission

Carol A. Scott
Former Executive Director, PARC

Sterling Owen IV
Chair, 1st PARC Committee
Former Chief of the Knoxville Police Department

Rev. Dr. John A. Butler
Former Committee Member, PARC
President, Knoxville Branch of NAACP

Eve Thomas
Chief of the Knoxville Police Department

Closing Remarks
Avice Evans Reid
Senior Director,
Community Relations Department
Former Executive Director, PARC