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CCRB Welcomes Frederick Davie as Acting Chair

Outgoing Acting Chair Archer to Continue as Visiting Professor of Clinical Law at NYU School of Law, Professor of Law and Director of Racial Justice Project at New York Law School

New York, NY – The Civilian Complaint Review Board, the nation’s largest independent police oversight entity, announced today the departure of Deborah Archer from the Board. Frederick Davie assumes the role of Acting Board Chair as Ms. Archer continues to serve as a visiting professor of clinical law at the New York University School of Law and director of the Racial Justice Project at New York Law School, where she also is a law professor.

Statement from CCRB Executive Director Jonathan Darche:

“Deborah Archer’s character and thoughtful leadership have been front and center throughout her tenure at the CCRB. Twice the City called on her to serve as Acting Chair, and twice she answered. No one is more committed to this Agency and to the people of this city. I learned a great deal from working for Ms. Archer and admire her dedication to scholarship and legal advocacy. It is these aspects of her expertise, along with her sense of humor and good nature, that the entire staff and Board will sorely miss.

“The CCRB is privileged to have Frederick Davie assume the role of Acting Chair. Fred has a clear passion for making New York City a place where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. He undoubtedly will bring that spirit to this new role.”

Statement from Deborah N. Archer, Esq.:

“It has been a great honor to serve in a leadership role at one of the City’s most important agencies. My decision to leave that role did not come easily. I remain dedicated to the mission of the Civilian Complaint Review Board and am proud of all that the Board has achieved to promote the integrity and public trust of the New York Police Department. I am confident that it will continue to do so under Fred’s leadership.

“Fred Davie is a true public servant with a long record of working to make New York City better for all of its residents. From his contributions to the Board to his service on the public safety committee of the Mayor’s Clergy Advisory Council, the pursuit of justice is the foundation for everything Fred does.”

Statement from Frederick Davie:

“I appreciate Mayor de Blasio’s confidence in me and look forward to continued work with the dedicated staff at the Civilian Complaint Review Board as I take on this new opportunity to serve the people of New York City.

“Imminent changes in policing in New York City will require the CCRB to be steadfast as it makes crucial decisions about how to incorporate 21st-century technology in its investigations. In the near future, the City will see a marked increase in the quantity and quality of video footage of civilian interactions with law enforcement. This is a promising development, and while the Agency conducts its search for a permanent chair, I look forward to being at the helm at this pivotal moment.

“Ms. Archer served the Board well and will continue to be an invaluable asset in training the next generation of legal professionals. Her record of service to the CCRB is a model for me as the new Acting Chair, and I am eager to continue her work as the CCRB enters a new era of police oversight.”

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The New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) is the largest police oversight entity in the nation and is empowered to investigate, mediate, prosecute, and recommend disciplinary action for complaints alleging misconduct by NYPD officers. See NYC Charter § 440(c)(1). The agency's jurisdiction includes excessive and unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, and use of offensive language. To further this mission, CCRB issues monthly, biannual, and special statistical and qualitative reports analyzing trends and recurring issues arising from the many thousands of civilian complaints it receives.