

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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**TO:** All Councilmembers

**FROM:** Chairman Phil Mendelson  
Committee of the Whole

**DATE:** June 4, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Report on PR 23-242, the “Board of Industrial Trades Courtney Braxton Confirmation Resolution of 2019”

The Committee of the Whole, to which PR 23-242, the “Board of Industrial Trades Courtney Braxton Confirmation Resolution of 2019” was referred, reports favorably thereon, and recommends approval by the Council.

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**I. BACKGROUND AND NEED**

Proposed Resolution 23-242, the “Board of Industrial Trades Courtney Braxton Confirmation Resolution of 2019,” was introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor on April 22, 2019 and referred to the Committee of the Whole. The purpose of PR 23-242 is to confirm the Mayor’s nomination of Mr. Courtney Braxton for appointment to the Board of Industrial Trades, filling a vacant seat, for a term to end June 26, 2022.

The Board of Industrial Trades was established to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the District by ensuring that individuals engaged in industrial trades have the specialized skills and training required to perform such activities for the public. The Board license law governs asbestos workers, plumbers, electricians, refrigeration and air conditioning mechanics, steam and operating engineers, and those in the elevator trades. The Board may establish bonding and insurance requirements, subcategories of licensure, education, and experience requirements for licensure, and other requirements.

The Board is comprised of 15 tradespersons who are appointed by the Mayor and licensed in the District: Three plumbers, two electricians, two refrigeration and air conditioning mechanics, two steam engineers, two asbestos workers, one elevator mechanic, one elevator inspector, one elevator contractor, and one consumer member. Table 1 provides a full list of Board of Industrial Trades members, including Mr. Braxton.

**Table 1. Board of Industrial Trades Membership**

<b>Council Resolution</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Trade</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
PR 21-648	Brian Cooper	Elevator contractor	June 26, 2019
PR 22-249	Richard Jackson	Master plumber	June 26, 2020
PR 22-113	Khidhar Abdulshakur	Asbestos worker	June 26, 2020
PR 23-15	Michael Dalton	Consumer	June 26, 2021
PR 21-653	Petrick Washington	Elevator mechanic	June 26, 2019
PR 22-247	Constantin Rodousakis	Master electrician	June 26, 2020
PR 22-50	Terrence Hughes	Master plumber	June 26, 2020
PR 23-23	Michael Johnson	Master plumber	April 16, 2020
PR 22-248	Garth Grannum	Master refrigeration mechanic	June 26, 2020
PR 21-652	Alvin Venson, Sr.	Master refrigeration mechanic	June 26, 2019
PR 22-48	Alex Lemu	Steam engineer	June 26, 2020
PR 23-14	Robert Louis Smith	Master electrician	June 26, 2021
PR 23-241	Shawn Ellis	Steam engineer	June 26, 2021
<b>PR 23-242</b>	<b>Courtney Braxton</b>	<b>Asbestos worker</b>	<b>June 26, 2022</b>

Mr. Braxton currently works for Sandow Construction, where he is a full-time supervisor. He also works for APRO Enterprises as a demolition laborer and hazardous materials abatement worker. Mr. Braxton holds an Asbestos Supervisor license in the District and is a member of the Laborers International Union of North American (LIUNA) Local 11.

## II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

- April 22, 2019 PR 23-242, the “Board of Industrial Trades Courtney Braxton Confirmation Resolution of 2019” is introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor.
- May 3, 2019 Notice of Intent to Act on PR 23-242 is published in the *DC Register*.
- May 7, 2019 PR 23-242 is “read” at a Committee of the Whole meeting; on this date the referral of the PR to the Committee of the Whole is official and the 90-day period for Council review begins. If this measure is not acted upon by the Council before June 22, PR 23-242 will be deemed approved.
- May 23, 2019 The Committee of the Whole holds a roundtable on PR 23-242.
- June 4, 2019 The Committee of the Whole marks-up PR 23-242.

### III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Mr. Braxton is the Mayor's nominee for appointment to the Board of Industrial Trades.

### IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

The Committee received no testimony or comments from any Advisory Neighborhood Commission on PR 23-242.

### V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on PR 23-242 on Thursday, May 23, 2019. The testimony summarized below is from that hearing. Submitted copies of testimony are attached to this report.

*Courtney Braxton* testified before the Committee that he would like to see the Board conduct more outreach and education in the field so trade workers better understand its role. Additionally, Mr. Braxton said the Board should interact with youth who are interested in the trades create a pipeline for jobs.

### VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

PR 23-242 is an exercise of the Council's discretion to approve or disapprove Mayoral nominations of subordinate agency heads in the Executive Service, pursuant to § 1-523.01(a) of the District of Columbia Official Code.

### VII. FISCAL IMPACT

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer indicates that a Fiscal Impact Statement is not needed for a confirmation.

### VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

<u>Section 1</u>	States the short title of PR 23-242.
<u>Section 2</u>	Confirms the appointment of Courtney Braxton to the Board of Industrial Trades for a term to end June 26, 2022.
<u>Section 3</u>	Provides that PR 23-242 shall take effect immediately.

## **IX. COMMITTEE ACTION**

### **X. ATTACHMENTS**

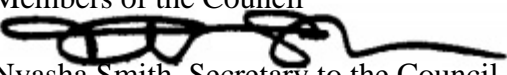
1. PR 23-242 as introduced.
2. Nominee's responses to Committee pre-hearing and post-hearing questions.
3. Written Testimony and Comments.
4. Legal Sufficiency Review.
5. Committee Print for PR 23-242.

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.**  
**Washington D.C. 20004**

Memorandum

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To : Members of the Council

From :   
Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

Date : April 26, 2019

Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Monday, April 22, 2019. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Board of Industrial Trades Courtney Braxton Confirmation Resolution of 2019", PR23-0242

INTRODUCED BY: Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor

The Chairman is referring this legislation to the Committee of the Whole. This resolution will be deemed approved on Saturday, June 22, 2019 without Council action.

Attachment

cc: General Counsel  
Budget Director  
Legislative Services



MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

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OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY

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The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504  
Washington, DC 20004

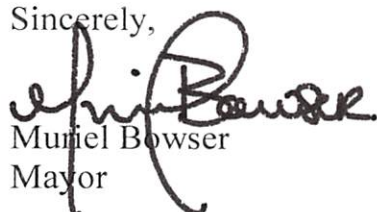
Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to section 1002 of the Second Omnibus Regulatory Reform Amendment Act of 1998, effective April 20, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-261; D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.06(d)), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Mr. Courtney Braxton  
5023 Bass Place, SE  
Washington, DC 20019  
(Ward 7)

for appointment as an asbestos member of the Board of Industrial Trades, filling a vacant seat, for a term to end June 26, 2022. Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process. I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,

  
Muriel Bowser  
Mayor



Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution,  
which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

To confirm the appointment of Courtney Braxton as a member of the Board of Industrial Trades.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Board of Industrial Trades Courtney Braxton Confirmation Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of:

Mr. Courtney Braxton  
5023 Bass Place, SE  
Washington, DC 20019  
(Ward 7)

as an asbestos worker member of the Board of Industrial Trades, in accordance with section 1002 of the Second Omnibus Regulatory Reform Amendment Act of 1998, effective April 20, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-261; D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.06(d)), and pursuant to section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), filling a vacant seat, for a term to end June 26, 2022.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

# Courtney L. Braxton

## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Over three years of skilled demolition experience and over two years of experience in type 1- 4 asbestos abatement work
- Certified Asbestos Supervisor Initial and Lead Abatement Supervisor Initial in DC, Maryland and Virginia and holds OSHA 30, Confined Space Awareness and Scaffolding Competent Person
- Strong, dedicated and safety conscious worker that works well with teams and alone with little to no direction

## EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

BS Psychology, University of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC May 2020  
OSHA 30 DC, MD, VA Asbestos Supervisor  
OSHA Confined Space Awareness DC, MD, VA Lead Abatement Supervisor  
OSHA Scaffolding Competent Person Red Cross First aid & CPR

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Asbestos/Lead Worker/Supervisor** Mar 2015- current

Sandow Construction, Selective Hauling, Lindsay Safety Services, Waco, ARC Construction Services, Retro Environmental, Potomac Abatement

Combined Overview of Roles:

- Removed, abated and encapsulated asbestos containing materials from work-sites on a regular basis and presumed asbestos remaining material
- Upheld local, state and EPA safety guidelines and consistently met all OSHA requirements for all performed work

**Skilled Demolition Laborer**

Aug 2014- current

APRO, North Star Company, Goel Services, Tyler Group, Rath Enterprises

Combined Overview of Roles:

- Assembled scaffold and machines such as the air compressor, oxygen and propane tanks for blow torching purposes
- Demonstrated the proper disposal and removal techniques for metals, chemicals and debris
- Used a variety of hand held power tools which includes a grinder, jig saw, rivet buster, chipping gun, jack hammer, concrete saw, power drill, nail gun and more
- Used basic tools such as hammers, wrenches, sludge hammers, pliers, levelers, screwdrivers and more

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES

Advanced Spanish

**Local 11 Union Member**





Executive Office of the Mayor - Office of Talent and Appointments  
John A. Wilson Building | 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 600 | Washington, DC 20004

## Courtney Braxton



Courtney Braxton is currently a licensed asbestos worker in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Braxton has over three years of skilled demolition experience and over two years of experience in type 1- 4 asbestos abatement work. He is a certified asbestos supervisor, and an initial and lead abatement supervisor initial in DC, Maryland and Virginia. In addition, he holds OSHA 30, Confined Space Awareness and Scaffolding Competent Person certifications.

A Ward 7 resident, Mr. Braxton is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of the District of Columbia.



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Alana Intrieri, Steven Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** March 1, 2019  
**Subject:** Legal Sufficiency Review of Resolution nominating Courtney Braxton and Shawn Ellis as members to the Board of Industrial Trades

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**This is to Certify that** this office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-724-7681.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E'.

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Elizabeth Cavendish

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Board of Industrial Trades**



Public Roundtable on  
PR23-242, the “Board of Industrial Trades Confirmation  
Resolution of 2019”

Testimony of  
**Courtney Braxton**  
Nominee for appointment to the Board of Industrial Trades

Before the  
Committee of the Whole  
The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Council Chairman

May 23, 2018  
John A. Wilson Building  
Room 120  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

## **Background**

My name is Courtney Braxton. I would like to thank you Chairman Mendelson for holding this hearing. I would like to thank Mayor Bowser for nominating to the Board of Industrial Trades. I am an African American and native Washingtonian. I currently reside in DC ward 7. I am a full time dean's list student at UDC majoring in psychology. I am a national honor society and Psi Chi member. I am very familiar with working with hazardous material. I have held a DC, Maryland, and Virginia supervisors' asbestos license for several years. I also have an OSHA 30 hr certification. I have DC, Maryland, and Virginia supervisors' licenses in lead abatement and DC Supervisors' Mold remediation license. I am also a member of the skilled laborers union in Washington DC (local 11).

My most consistent and recent employer is Sandow construction, where I am currently a full time supervisor. I have worked here for over two years. Sandow construction is MD based veteran owned and operated construction company that does hazardous waste removal, demolition and other related services. I also do occasional part time work for APRO Enterprises as a demolition laborer and hazardous material abatement worker. APRO, who I have worked for the last couple years as well, is a Maryland based, union supported construction company that provides similar services to Sandow.

## **Relevance**

I would like to volunteer my time to the board. This would be a great opportunity to gain more knowledge and experience in the asbestos industry, while using the knowledge that I

already possess to help the District of Columbia be a safer place. Joining the board would allow me to network and learn from other professionals in the same or similar industry as myself. I am very passionate about community service and helping others to make a difference. I occasionally perform community service at various locations (Moose Lodge, Reston homeless shelter). I believe that my hands on experience in the asbestos industry would make me an excellent candidate for the Board of Industrial Trades. My experience working with other hazardous material makes me a versatile candidate. Being from DC to me is an advantage because I am more familiar with the area and pertinent codes, practices and standards for asbestos. My intermediate grasp of the Spanish language makes it easier for me to communicate with the Spanish speakers who work in this field who may not understand English that well. I am a great leader who is more than capable of being lead. My experience and background as both a worker and a supervisor has given me a unique perspective that would be a refreshing addition to the board.

### **Moving forward**

I would like the DC Board of Industrial Trades to gain more knowledge about my professional area. As a worker and supervisor in Washington, D.C., I know that I was unfamiliar with the Board of Industrial Trades and its role. I think that it would be good if we could shine a light on the role of the board and its functions to members of the various trades in this great city. I would like to see the relationship between the board and other organizations strengthen. This in my opinion could attract new tradesmen from DC to the field.

I think that protecting our community is very important. The Board of Industrial Trades helps to make DC a safer city by advising how to regulate different industries that are necessary for the safety of DC residents. I would also like to reach out to the youth and interest them in all

the industrial trades that are available for a career. This would help them create a pathway to the middle class.

I appreciate your time and consideration and welcome any questions that you may have about my ability to best serve as a member of the Board of Industrial Trades.

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2 Committee of the Whole  
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