

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

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

DRAFT

TO: All Councilmembers

FROM: Chairman Phil Mendelson
Committee of the Whole

DATE: July 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Report on PR 24-769, the “Board of Industrial Trades Alvin D. Venson, Sr. Confirmation Resolution of 2022”

The Committee of the Whole, to which PR 24-769, the “Board of Industrial Trades Alvin D. Venson, Sr. Confirmation Resolution of 2022” was referred, reports favorably thereon, and recommends approval by the Council.

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I. BACKGROUND AND NEED

Proposed Resolution 24-769, the “Board of Industrial Trades Alvin D. Venson, Sr. Confirmation Resolution of 2022,” was introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor on May 27, 2022 and referred to the Committee of the Whole. The purpose of PR 24-769 is to confirm the Mayor’s nomination of Mr. Alvin D. Venson, Sr. for reappointment to the Board of Industrial Trades, to serve for a term to end on June 26, 2025.

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 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 impose 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.

Council Resolution	Member Name	Trade	Term Expiration
<i>PR. 24-769</i>	<i>Alvin D. Venson, Sr.</i>	<i>Master Refrigeration Mechanic (Pending)</i>	<i>June 26, 2025*</i>
<i>PR. 24-770</i>	<i>Brian Cooper</i>	<i>Elevator Contractor (Pending) (Chair)</i>	<i>June 26, 2025*</i>
<i>PR. 24-771</i>	<i>LaVonne Woods</i>	<i>Master Electrician (Pending)</i>	<i>June 26, 2024*</i>
<i>PR. 24-772</i>	<i>Petrick Washington</i>	<i>Elevator Inspector (Pending)</i>	<i>June 26, 2025*</i>
<i>PR. 24-773</i>	<i>Shawn Ellis</i>	<i>Steam Engineer (Pending)</i>	<i>June 26, 2024*</i>
<i>PR. 24-774</i>	<i>Tanya Lewis</i>	<i>Master Electrician (Pending)</i>	<i>June 26, 2024*</i>
R. 24-103	Michael Johnson	Master Plumber	April 26, 2023
PR. 22-249	Richard Jackson	Master Plumber	June 26, 2020^
PR. 22-250	Terrence Hughes	Master Plumber	June 26, 2020^
R. 24-102	Garth Grannum	Master Refrigeration Mechanic	June 26, 2023
R. 24-101	Alex Lemu	Steam Engineer	June 26, 2023
R. 23-113	Courtney Braxton	Asbestos Worker	June 26, 2022^
PR. 22-113	Khidhar Abdulshakur	Asbestos Worker	June 26, 2020^
PR. 23-15	Michael Dalton	Consumer	June 26, 2021^
--	Vacant	Elevator Mechanic	--

* Nominations are pending at the Council.

^ Term expired

Mr. Venson has been serving on the Board since 1992. He is a master refrigeration mechanic in the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Maryland. Mr. Venson is currently Facilities Operations Manager for the District of Columbia Department of Mental Health’s Saint Elizabeth’s Hospital. Prior to this, Mr. Venson worked as Chief of Facilities Management and Director of Facilities at the University of the District of Columbia. Mr. Venson has over 30 years of experience in facilities management and maintenance. He currently lives in Ward 7.

Based on his continued commitment to the mission of the Board and his expertise as a licensed master refrigeration mechanic, the Committee recommends the reappointment of Mr. Venson to the Board of Industrial Trades. The Committee recommends adoption of PR 24-769.

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

May 27, 2022	PR 24-769, the “Board of Industrial Trades Alvin D. Venson, Sr. Confirmation Resolution of 2022” is introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor.
June 7, 2022	PR 24-769 is referred to the Committee of the Whole.
June 10, 2022	Notice of Intent to Act on PR 24-769 is published in the DC Register.

June 17, 2022 Notice of the public roundtable is published in the *DC Register*.

June 30, 2022 The Committee of the Whole holds a public roundtable on PR 24-769.

July 12, 2022 The Committee of the Whole marks-up PR 24-769.

III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Mr. Venson 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 24-769.

V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public roundtable on three Board of Industrial Trade nominations, including PR 24-769, on Thursday, June 30, 2022. The testimony summarized below is from that hearing. Submitted copies of testimony are attached to this report.

Alvin D. Venson, Sr., Appointee, testified and answered questions from Chairman Mendelson regarding his background and experience as it pertains to the Board and his interest in serving another term on the Board.

VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

The Board of Industrial Trades is established pursuant to D.C. Code § 47-2853.06(d). PR 24-769 is an exercise of the Council's discretion to approve or disapprove Mayoral nominations to Boards and Commissions, pursuant to the Confirmation Act of 1978 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Code § 1-523.01).

VII. FISCAL IMPACT

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer indicates that a Fiscal Impact Statement is not needed for a confirmation. Board members are not compensated for their service.

VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1 States the short title of PR 24-769.

- Section 2 Confirms the reappointment of Mr. Alvin D. Venson, Sr. to the Board of Industrial Trades, as a master refrigeration mechanic, to serve a term ending June 26, 2025.
- Section 3 Requires that a copy of the resolution, upon adoption, be transmitted to the appointee, the chairperson of the Board, and to the Mayor.
- Section 4 Provides that PR 24-769 shall take effect immediately.

IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

X. ATTACHMENTS

1. PR 24-769 as introduced.
2. Nominee's responses to Committee pre-hearing questions.
3. Written Testimony and Comments.
4. Legal Sufficiency Review.
5. Committee Print for PR 24-769.



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

May 27, 2022

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 D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.06(d), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

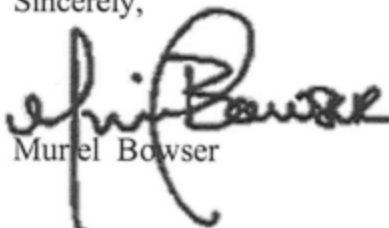
Mr. Alvin D. Venson, Sr.
Alabama Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20020
(Ward 7)

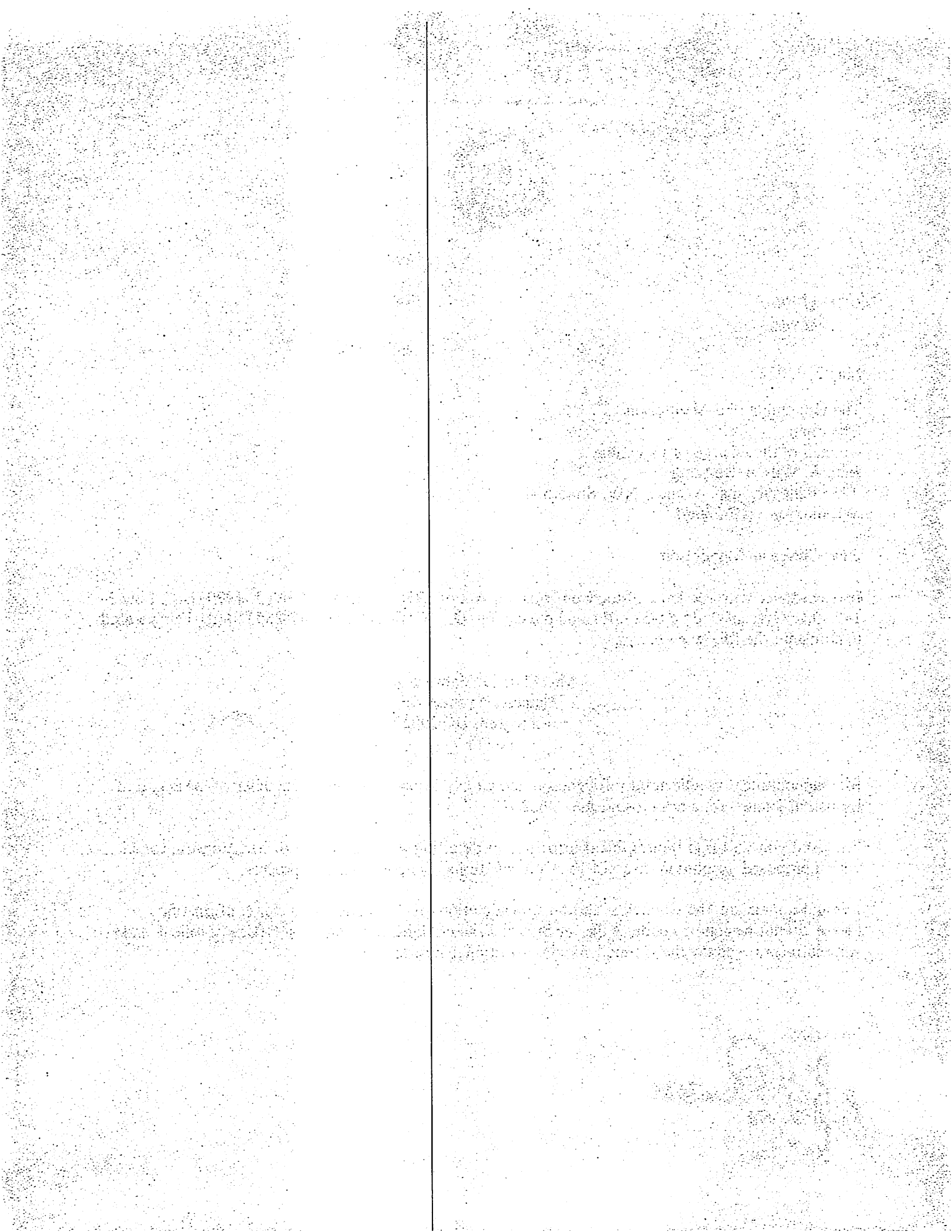
for reappointment as a licensed refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic member of the Board of Industrial Trades, for a term to end June 26, 2025.


Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of Mr. Venson, together with a 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




Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the reappointment of Mr. Alvin D. Venson, Sr. to 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 Alvin D. Venson, Sr. Confirmation Resolution of 2022".

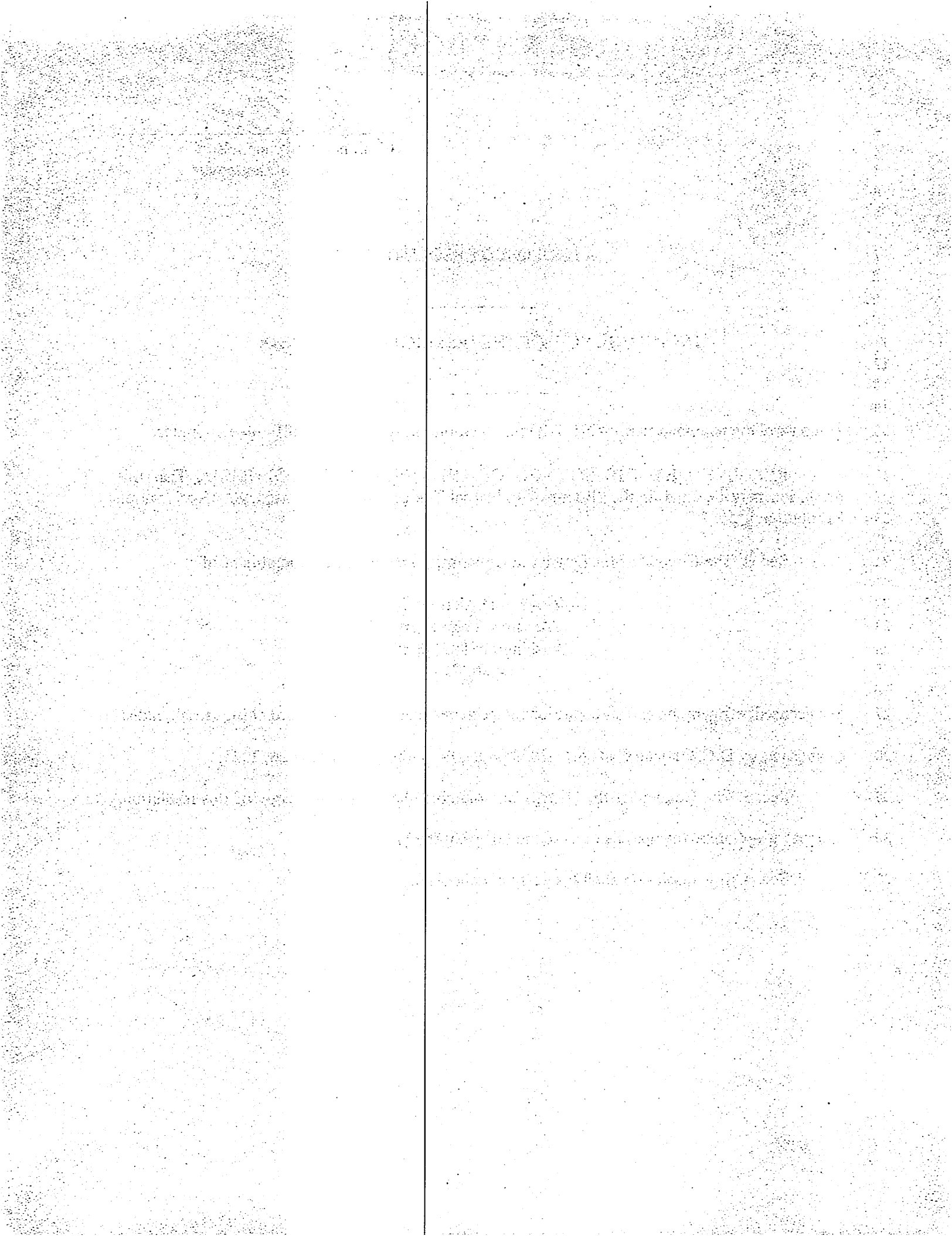
Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the reappointment of:

Mr. Alvin D. Venson, Sr.
Alabama Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20020
(Ward 7)

as a licensed refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic member of the Board of Industrial Trades, established by D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.06(d), for a term to end June 26, 2025.

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.



Alvin D. Venson

Career Objective

An experienced facilities manager from an HVAC and mechanical background, with invaluable managerial experience gained from private and government sectors. Highly focused with a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of various sectors such as engineering, boiler maintenance, HVAC operations, and maintenance. A consistent track record of successfully employing best business practices that improve efficiency, reduce operating costs while increasing productivity.

Career Summary

- Over 30 years of experience in Facility Management and Maintenance
- Expertise includes contract supervisor and compliance, environmental health and safety, space planning and HAZMAT response.
- Skilled at project management across multiple departments and disciplines
- Coordinated 24/7/365 response of facilities management services with engineering, subcontractors; facilities help desk, security and other internal service providers.
- Ability to communicate orally, written, and interpersonally
- Capable of communicating with vendor trades, procurement professional, and key management stakeholders.
- Capable of capturing the needs of internal and external agencies/customers to determine strategic cost-effective, results-generating solutions to fulfill those needs and exceed expectations
- Managed up 75 staff that consists of various trade and administrative personnel

Professional Experience

D.C Department of Mental Health's Saint Elizabeth Hospital

January 2016 - Present

Facilities Operations Manager

January 2016 - Present

- Responsible for providing high-level knowledge for all building systems; to include building automation systems, utilities services, engineering quality control, repairs, customer service, communications, and performance measurement, as related to facilities operations and inventory control.
- Provide guidance and motivation to staff.
- Participates and directs as necessary, a variety of meetings with in-house staff, the Hospital staff, other District staff, contractors, private firms, etc.
- Maintain an effective rapport and mutually beneficial working relationship with clients/vendors.

- Create and determine basic priorities and assures that all reports and other records required from the staff are completed, submitted in a timely manner, and in accordance to prescribed standards.
- Plans the accomplishment of major and complex work operations on long-range basis.
- Serves as the hospital Contracting Officer Technical Representative (COTR) for preventive maintenance, and other contracts, as appropriate between the Hospital and the vendors. Also ensures that all reports and other records required from the contractors are completed and submitted in a timely manner and in accordance to contractual requirements.
- Provide guidance regarding space planning services; ensuring the proper placement of offices, rooms, systems furniture and employees within established guidelines by producing drawings for review and feedback and involves project management staff as appropriate.
- Assist in developing the annual Hospital Master Facilities Plan to outline significant issues impacting the Hospital, and existing and future facilities requirements, and capital projects to meet the overall goals and legal mandates of the Hospital.
- Coordinate appropriate hospital compliance goals and objectives with FED staff.
- Prepares a variety of correspondence, reports, recommendations, and proposals.
- Conducts random field investigations regarding facilities projects to include preventive maintenance and electrical inspections of all occupied buildings on the Hospital grounds.

University of District Columbia, Washington, DC
November 2008 – December 2015

Chief of Facilities Management

September 2012 – December 2015

- Insure the University satisfies the appropriate facilities requirements that corresponds to its stated mission
- Provide professional and technical expertise to stake holders, Vice President of Real Estate, University President and Vice President on all matters pertaining to the development and management of the University's capital budget
- Provide Architectural services to include drawings specifications, technical direction, modification space planning, telecommunication guidance and other architectural services pertinent to the development, renegotiation and construction of university facilities.
- Responsible for the maintenance of daily operations of all University facilities and provide all academic and administrative units with conducive physical environments and available facilities.
- Management of a diverse group of employees including directors, managers, facility specialist, and support personnel.
- Serves as main university liaison with contracting architectural-engineering firms to include the review of design plans and specifications, and negotiations of cost and changes in construction documents

- Manages the plant management and campus services division in all aspects of the divisions long and short term daily operations including; establishing a detailed set of program goals and objectives, maintenance of a continuous analysis and evaluation of on-going needs within designated areas of responsibility; manages budgetary and fiscal operations through periodic analysis and review of specific program and budget objectives to assure that allowable goals are met while establishing policies, procedures and lines of authority within each program area.
- Oversees areas of responsibility in the physical plant, campus services and capital program and development

Director of Facilities

November 2008-September 2012

- Manager of the Facilities Department, whereas, I also help to maintain the vision of the University of District of Columbia
- Supervises and coordinates the work activities of subordinate supervisors and workers, to include electricians, pipe fitters, carpenters, maintenance mechanics, painters, maintenance workers, laborers, and transportation.
- Responsible for the day to day operations, maintenance of buildings, grounds, and the power plant
- Oversees contractors for facility renovation projects entailing HVAC, electrical systems, and boiler plant operations
- Oversees the functioning of building systems including mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and boiler plant operations
- Oversee the Facility Department budget and negotiates with outside vendors for supplies, repairs, and renovation projects
- Coordinated work operations as needed with supervisors, other organizations, and functions
- In addition to regular supervisory duties, prepare work schedules; develop quality and quantity standards, overseen and reviewed completed work.
- Developed and coordinated monthly facilities inspection per university standards.

American Boiler, Inc., Alexandria, VA

July 2006-November 2008

HVAC Manager Control Technician

- Managed daily operations of HVAC Department
- Prepared sales estimates, compiled project scope, and designed HVAC system installation plan
- Oversee all HVAC projects to assure successful completion by code
- Provide technical and mechanical assistance to all technicians
- Addressed complaints and concerns with customers
- Vendor interaction
- Evaluated HVAC and other equipment for purchasing

Education

- Associates Degree, Business Administration, WSC, Washington, DC
- Master Air Conditioning and Refrigeration License, Washington DC (6/1990)

- Completion of Business Course, Prince Georges Community College (1982)
- Crossland Senior High Trade School (1980)

Specialized Training, Licenses & Certifications

- Real Estate License, UDC (1996)
- Completed Trane courses for Heat Pump, Air Cooled Screw Chillers, and Pneumatic Controls
- Certified Refrigerant Usage Engineer, Refrigeration Service Engineer Society (1992)
- Completed Training for several DDC Controls (Johnson, Honeywell, and Reliance)
- Certified Infrared Thermographer (Level 1)

Accomplishments and Awards

- Promoted to Chief of Facilities, University of District of Columbia
- Member of the District of Columbia Industrial Trade Board
- Member of the Boiler and Engineering Licensing, DC Industrial Trade Subcommittee



Executive Office of the Mayor - Office of Talent and Appointments

John A. Wilson Building | 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 600 | Washington, DC 20004

Alvin Venson



Alvin Venson is the Facilities Operations Manager for the District of Columbia Department of Mental Health's Saint Elizabeths Hospital and a current member of the Board of Industrial Trades.

Mr. Venson possesses over 30 years of facility management and maintenance experience with expertise in contract supervision and compliance, environmental health and safety, space planning, and HAZMAT response. Prior to his current role, Mr. Venson served as the University of the District of Columbia Chief of Facilities Management and Director of Facilities.

A Ward 7 resident, Mr. Venson received an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Washington Saturday College. Mr. Venson also achieved a Master of Air Conditioning and Refrigeration License.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Bryan Hum, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: May 6, 2022
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Brian Cooper, Shawn Ellis, Tanya Lewis, Alvin D. Venson, Sr., Petrick Washington, and LaVonne Woods to the Board of Industrial Trades

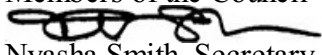
This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced resolutions and found them to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Vanessa Careiro, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-724-1303, or me at 202-724-7681.

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

Elizabeth Cavendish

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

Memorandum

To : Members of the Council
From :  Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council
Date : Monday, June 6, 2022
Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Friday, May 27, 2022. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Board of Industrial Trades Alvin D. Venson, Sr. Confirmation Resolution of 2022", PR24-0769

INTRODUCED BY: Chairman Mendelson, at the request of Mayor

The Chairman is referring this legislation to Committee of the Whole. This resolution will be deemed approved on Saturday, September 24, 2022 without Council action.

Attachment
cc: General Counsel
Budget Director
Legislative Services

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Board of Industrial Trades**



Public Roundtable on

**PR24-0769, the “Board of Industrial Trades Alvin D. Venson, Sr.
Confirmation Resolution of 2022”**

Testimony of

Alvin D. Venson, Sr.

**Before the
Committee of the Whole
Council of the District of Columbia
The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairperson**

June 30, 2022
1:00 pm
Virtual Meeting Platform
The John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Good afternoon, Chairperson Mendelson, members of the Committee of the Whole, and staff. Thank you for holding this hearing regarding my nomination to the Board of Industrial Trades (BIT). I would also like to thank Mayor Bowser for the reappointment. My name is Alvin David Venson Sr., and I have lived in this wonderful city and have been married for 34 years. I also raised my three children in the District of Columbia. More than twenty years ago, I had the opportunity to apply for a position as a member of the BIT. This afforded me an opportunity to serve my community in a trade that I love, refrigeration and air conditioning. My brother and I were both introduced to the refrigeration and air conditioning industry at the youthful age of 13. We were both reluctant at the time to learn, but as the years progressed, we both developed a passion for the industry. I have brought this same passion with me as I serve on this wonderful Board.

During my time on the BIT, we have worked diligently with legal counsel to finalize its asbestos rule for asbestos workers and supervisors for publication in the DC register. The BIT made significant progress amending its regulation of other trades and modifying all practice standards to include continuous education requirements. I have been instrumental in working with the Plumbing and Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Committees. My duties included reviewing applications, reviewing complaints, and making recommendations for actions of reprimand. During my tenure on the Board, I also performed the duties of Board Chairman from 2017 to 2019. During that time, the BIT remained resolute in its efforts to collaborate with and gain feedback from its industry partners. We credit this engagement and constructive feedback in helping shape and address the needs of district licensees. To that end, over the course of FY 2018 we have taken the opportunity to meet with DCRA staff and officials, labor union officials, the Metropolitan Police department's illegal construction task force and various other consistent

constituents. I will continue to pursue this mission if I have the honor to continue another term on this Board.

Thank you and I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

1 **DRAFT COMMITTEE PRINT**
2 Committee of the Whole
3 July 12, 2022
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7 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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9 24-769

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26 Washington, D.C. 20020
27 (Ward 7)
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29 as a licensed refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic in the District member of the Board of
30 Industrial Trades, in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.06(d), and pursuant to
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