

**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 24-770, the “Board of Industrial Trades Brian Cooper Confirmation Resolution of 2022”

The Committee of the Whole, to which PR 24-770, the “Board of Industrial Trades Brian Cooper 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 24-770, the “Board of Industrial Trades Brian Cooper 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 24-770 is to confirm the Mayor’s nomination of Mr. Brian Cooper 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>
PR. 24-770	Brian Cooper	Elevator Contractor (Pending) (Chair)	June 26, 2025*
<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. Cooper has been serving on the Board since 2016. He is an elevator contractor in the District of Columbia. Mr. Cooper is currently President of the Potomac Elevator Company and has held this position since 2005. Prior to this, Mr. Cooper worked as General Manager of the Otis Elevator Company (Bermuda) Ltd in Pembroke, Bermuda and Senior Account Manager for New Equipment for the Otis Elevator Company in Washington, D.C. Mr. Cooper has over 25 years of elevator industry experience. He currently lives in Ward 3.

Based on his continued commitment to the mission of the Board and his expertise as a licensed elevator contractor, the Committee recommends the reappointment of Mr. Cooper to the Board of Industrial Trades. The Committee recommends adoption of PR 24-770.

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

May 27, 2022	PR 24-770, the “Board of Industrial Trades Brian Cooper Confirmation Resolution of 2022” is introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor.
June 7, 2022	PR 24-770 is referred to the Committee of the Whole.
June 10, 2022	Notice of Intent to Act on PR 24-770 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 24-770.

July 12, 2022 The Committee of the Whole marks-up PR 24-770.

III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Mr. Cooper 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 24-770.

V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public roundtable on three Board of Industrial Trade nominations, including PR 24-770, on Thursday, June 30, 2022. The testimony summarized below is from that hearing. Submitted copies of testimony are attached to this report.

Brian Cooper, 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 24-770 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 24-770.

- Section 2 Confirms the reappointment of Brian Cooper to the Board of Industrial Trades, as an elevator contractor, 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 24-770 shall take effect immediately.

IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

X. ATTACHMENTS

1. PR 24-770 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 24-770.



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 for reappointment:

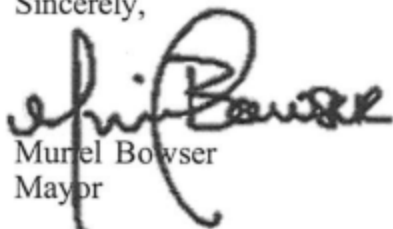
Mr. Brian Cooper
49th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016
(Ward 3)

as a licensed elevator contractor 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. Cooper, 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
Mayor



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. Brian Cooper 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 Brian Cooper Confirmation Resolution of 2022".

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

Mr. Brian Cooper
49th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016
(Ward 3)

as a licensed elevator contractor 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.

Brian Cooper

Experience

August 2005- Present Potomac Elevator Company Washington, D.C.

President

- Over 25 years of elevator industry experience beginning with Otis Elevator Company October 1994.
 - Provided general management and primary ownership to commercial elevator company. Complete responsibility for profit & loss, business development, field operations, staffing, union relations, field safety program, and supervision of staff.
 - Developed sound business structure, accounting system, job costing and estimating systems.
 - Grew sales revenue from \$0 in 2005 to average of \$10M (2021).
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Jan 2002-Aug 2005 Otis Elevator Company (Bermuda) Ltd. Pembroke, Bermuda

General Manager

- Provided general management to \$2.7M (2004) commercial elevator operation. Complete responsibility for profit & loss, business development, field operations, staffing, local union relations including contract negotiations, field safety program, and all interaction with island's government and local ownership.
 - Met or exceeded business plans, with year over year profit growth, each year in this position. Had zero lost time accidents and best safety incident record in Northeast Region of Otis Elevator each year in this position.
 - Grew sales revenue 36% in four years from \$2.2M (2002) to \$3.0M (2005).
 - Grew net profit 20% in four years from \$575K (2002) to \$691K (2005).
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Dec 2000- Jan 2002 Otis Elevator Company Washington, D.C.

Senior Account Manager New Equipment

- Provided cost estimates and project management for 120 hydraulic and traction elevator installations in the metropolitan D.C. area.
 - Responsible for specifying Otis products with architects and developers during building design phase.
 - Responsible for providing accurate proposals, and efficient project management throughout project.
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March 1999- Dec 2000 Otis Elevator Company Washington, D.C.

Senior Account Manager Service

- Managed established territory of 650 units under service agreements.
- Responsible for account management, service, maintenance, and modernization sales, account collections and cancellation prevention.
- Sold \$1.3M in service, \$1.0M in modernization.
- Responsible for sale of significant maintenance and modernization contracts.



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Brian Cooper



Brian Cooper is the Potomac Electric Company President and a current member of the Board of Industrial Trades.

Mr. Cooper has over 35 years of experience in the elevator industry. In his former roles as Otis Elevator Company General Manager and Senior Account Manager New Equipment and Service, Mr. Cooper provided general management to the \$2.7 million commercial elevator operation and provided project management and cost estimates for over 100 elevator installations.

A Ward 3 resident, Mr. Cooper received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Allegheny College and a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh.

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

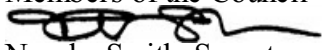
This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced resolutions and found them to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Vanessa Careiro, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-724-1303, or me at 202-724-7681.

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 Brian Cooper Confirmation Resolution of 2022",
PR24-0770

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

**PR24-0770, the “Board of Industrial Trades Brian Cooper Confirmation
Resolution of 2022”**

Testimony of

Brian Cooper

**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, Chairman Mendelson, Councilmembers, and staff. Thank you for holding this hearing and providing me with the opportunity to testify regarding my reappointment to the Board of Industrial Trades. I would also like to thank Mayor Bowser for the nomination.

I have been in the elevator business for 28 years, starting with Otis Elevator Company in Pittsburgh, PA as an Account Manager, moving to the Glover Park neighborhood of Washington, D.C. in 1999 to run Otis Elevator's service sales operations in the Downtown D.C. core. In 2001, I was promoted to Otis' new equipment sales department, selling new elevators throughout the metropolitan area. In 2002, I moved to Bermuda to run Otis Elevator Bermuda LTD's operations. In 2005, my family returned to the District and I started Potomac Elevator Company to provide high quality elevator services for properties in Washington D.C. and the surrounding area. Potomac Elevator Company has grown into a significant, highly regarded provider of elevators and elevator services in the DC and Baltimore metropolitan areas over the last 17 years.

I am very interested and dedicated to the Board of Industrial Trades and its success. I feel strongly about the negative impact of unlicensed trade work on public safety and fair competition. My experience working with both a major multinational and for my own independent elevator company gives me a unique perspective from the management/ownership side of the elevator industry that is important for the Board of Industrial Trades. I strongly believe that my management and organizational skills will help move the Board forward, and set and achieve goals, so that it is an effective and consequential body providing a framework for safe and licensed trade work throughout the city.

My goal for the Board of Industrial trades is to see it progress in an efficient, effective, and organized way. The Board now has a consistent quorum, and a number of subcommittees have been formed to address reoccurring or specific Board initiatives. One of the most important goals of the Board is providing an avenue for trades and their workers to become licensed in a streamlined manner. To this end, the Board is employing endorsement and reciprocity with other jurisdictions to expedite licensing while upholding the requirements of the District.

In closing, I believe the Board of Industrial Trades has made great progress recently as it performs its important work of setting licensing standards and regulating unlicensed work throughout the District of Columbia.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to come before you today. I welcome any questions you may have.

1 **DRAFT COMMITTEE PRINT**
2 Committee of the Whole
3 July 12, 2022
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