

**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:** July 12, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Report on PR 24-771, the “Board of Industrial Trades Brian Cooper Confirmation Resolution of 2022”

The Committee of the Whole, to which PR 24-771, the “Board of Industrial Trades LaVonne Woods 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 24-771, the “Board of Industrial Trades LaVonne Woods 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 24-771 is to confirm the Mayor’s nomination of Ms. LaVonne Woods for appointment to the Board of Industrial Trades, to serve for a term to end on June 26, 2024.

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.

<b>Council Resolution</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Trade</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
<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>
<b>PR. 24-771</b>	<b>LaVonne Woods</b>	<b>Master Electrician (Pending)</b>	<b>June 26, 2024*</b>
<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

Ms. Woods is a first-time appointee to the Board. She is a master electrician in the District of Columbia. Ms. Woods is currently a Residential Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector (Independent Contractor) with the District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. Ms. Woods also leveraged her more than 20 years of electrical trade expertise to found Alpha Power and Alarm Company, where she serves as President and Chief Executive Officer. Prior to her current role, Ms. Woods was the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Low Voltage AA Power Mechanic and Nichols Power System Journeyman Electrician. She currently lives in Ward 5.

Based on her commitment to the mission of the Board and her expertise as a licensed master electrician, the Committee recommends the appointment of Ms. Woods to the Board of Industrial Trades. The Committee recommends adoption of PR 24-771.

## II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

May 27, 2022 PR 24-771, the “Board of Industrial Trades LaVonne Woods Confirmation Resolution of 2022” is introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor.

June 7, 2022 PR 24-771 is referred to the Committee of the Whole.

June 10, 2022            Notice of Intent to Act on PR 24-771 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 24-771.

July 12, 2022            The Committee of the Whole marks-up PR 24-771.

### III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Ms. Woods 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 24-771.

### V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public roundtable on three Board of Industrial Trade nominations, including PR 24-771, on Thursday, June 30, 2022. The testimony summarized below is from that hearing. Submitted copies of testimony are attached to this report.

*Larry Greenhill, Charles Mann Academy*, testified and answered questions from Chairman Mendelson, in support of LaVonne Woods' nomination to the Board. Mr. Greenhill provided information on his professional experience with the nomination and her work with the Charles Mann Academy.

*Andre Allen, Inspector, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs*, testified and answered questions from Chairman Mendelson, in support of LaVonne Woods' nomination to the Board. Mr. Allen provided information on Ms. Woods commitment to mentoring individuals interested in pursuing a career as an electrician.

*LaVonne Woods, Appointee*, testified and answered questions from Chairman Mendelson regarding her background and experience as it pertains to the Board and her interest in serving 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 24-771 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

<u>Section 1</u>	States the short title of PR 24-771.
<u>Section 2</u>	Confirms the reappointment of LaVonne Woods to the Board of Industrial Trades, as a master electrician, to serve a term ending June 26, 2024.
<u>Section 3</u>	Requires that a copy of the resolution, upon adoption, be transmitted to the appointee, the chairperson of the Board, and to the Mayor.
<u>Section 4</u>	Provides that PR 24-771 shall take effect immediately.

## IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

## X. ATTACHMENTS

1. PR 24-771 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 24-771.



**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:

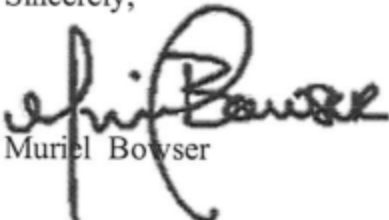
Ms. LaVonne Woods  
Edgewood Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20017  
(Ward 5)

for appointment as an electrician licensed in the District member of the Board of Industrial Trades, replacing Robert Louis Smith, for a term to end June 26, 2024.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of Ms. Woods, 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 appointment of Ms. LaVonne Woods 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 LaVonne Woods Confirmation Resolution of 2022”.

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

Ms. LaVonne Woods  
Edgewood Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20017  
(Ward 5)

as an electrician licensed in the District member of the Board of Industrial Trades, established by D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.06(d), replacing Robert Louis Smith, for a term to end June 26, 2024.

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.

# LaVonne Woods

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## Professional Summary

**Master Electrician** with a knowledge of WMATA safety rules, regulations and applicable electrical and safety codes. Resourceful project leader and problem solver with effective communication skills; Seeking to apply expertise and extensive experience in the commercial electrical field to take on a challenging new role within the department.

## Education

**8/2017-1/2018 University of the District of Columbia CC**

Course of study:

Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)

**8/1999 - 6/2004 IBEW LOCAL 26 NJATC Washington, DC**

IBEW Local 26 Chapter of the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, completing a minimum of 800 hours of classroom work and 8000 hours of on-the-job training.

## Employment

**7/2020-Present District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)**

### **Residential Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector (Independent Contractor)**

- Perform housing inspections to ensure that tenants are living in safe conditions;
- Perform illegal construction inspections to ensure construction projects are following the city's building code;
- Perform vacant building inspections to determine if an unoccupied building needs to be classified as such for tax purposes.
- Perform elevator Quality Assurance/Life Safety Inspections to confirm the proper operations of safety systems and controls.
- Issue stop-work orders, when applicable

**7/2015-Present WMATA**

**Low Voltage AA Power Mechanic**

- Perform routine construction, inspection, installation , troubleshooting, and repair of low voltage electrical equipment and systems in WMATA owned facilities.
- Provide roadway safety as Roadway Worker in Charge (RWIC)
- RWP Level 4 Qualified
- Ability to request track rights and switching orders via <XJTRS
- Ability to create and approve work orders in Maximo
- Escort contractors and observe work operations for compliance.

**Nichols Power Systems- (8/2012-5/2015)**  
**Journeyman Electrician**

- Worked directly with **elevator modernization** teams to bring older elevators up to code;
- Kept weekly logs of completed tasks;
- Maintained and submitted accurate weekly time sheets;
- Maintained company vehicle;
- Maintained full familiarity with contract plans, specifications, and schedules;
- Facilitated weekly safety meeting with apprentices.

**Mona Electric -Life Safety Division (2004 - 2012)**  
**Journeyman Electrician/ Fire Alarm Technician/ Fire Alarm Testing Technician**

- Install wiring and devices using NFPA 70 and NFPA 72 installation methods;
- Maintain accurate drawings; Programmed fire alarm devices, when applicable;
- Test complete building fire alarm system using NFPA 72 testing methods;
- Use assigned electronic devices including but not limited to digital cameras, personal computers, laptops, and wireless communications devices in the performance of assigned work;
- Properly trained helpers in testing techniques and time management.



**8/1998 - 6/2004 Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee  
(Local 26 Chapter)**

**Apprentice Electrician**

Performed electrical-related wiring and installation for commercial construction projects, including new construction, retrofits, and remodels under supervision of Journeyman electricians.

**Certifications**

International Code Council (ICC ) Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector

D.C. Master Electrician's License

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Executive Office of the Mayor - Office of Talent and Appointments

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## LaVonne Woods



LaVonne Woods is a Master Electrician and serves the District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs as an Independent Contractor, Residential Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector.

Ms. Woods leveraged her more than 20 years of electrical trade expertise to found Alpha Power and Alarm Company, where she serves as President and Chief Executive Officer. Prior to her current role, Ms. Woods was the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Low Voltage AA Power Mechanic and Nichols Power System Journeyman Electrician.

In addition, Ms. Woods founded non-profit organization the “More Better Man Foundation” in honor of her late father Raymond Woods. Every year, she provides charitable donations and donates Thanksgiving baskets to local charities servicing families in need.

A Ward 5 resident, Ms. Woods received a D.C. Master Electrician license and the International Code Council Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector certification.

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

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**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 cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

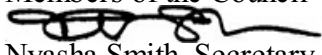
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Elizabeth Cavendish

**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 : 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 LaVonne Woods Confirmation Resolution of 2022", PR24-0771

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**

**PR24-0771, the “Board of Industrial Trades LaVonne Woods Confirmation  
Resolution of 2022”**

**Testimony of**

**LaVonne Woods**

**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 and members of the Committee of the Whole. My name is LaVonne Woods, and I would like to thank Mayor Bowser for the nomination to serve as the electrician licensed in the District member on the Board of Industrial Trades. I am a native Washingtonian and a life-long resident of Ward 5. I am a graduate of McKinley Tech Senior High School. After high school, I attended Lindenwood College in St. Charles, Missouri. I returned home after one year to be close to my aging grandmother. When I returned home, I worked for the DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) where I worked as a teenager during summers.

After several years with DPR, I realized my true passion and began my apprenticeship with IBEW Local 26. After 5 years, I received my DC journeyman's license. I worked as Journeyman Electrician in the union for 15 more years as a Life Safety Foreman, estimator, and project manager.

I later obtained my DC Electrical Master's license and started an electrical contracting company, Alpha Power and Alarm, which is a DC certified business enterprise. I currently serve as President and Designated Master Electrician. I wanted to be able to train and employ DC residents and show them that they have options for a pathway to the middle class if college isn't what they want to pursue after high school. I also wanted to train and hire returning citizens. I believe that they have paid their debt to society and deserve another chance that many employers are not willing to give them.

Currently, I am employed at WMATA as a low voltage power mechanic. I perform routine installations, maintenance, inspections, and repairs on all WMATA's low voltage electrical equipment.

Just recently, I partnered with The Charles Mann Academy, a division of Charles Mann Enterprises. The Academy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focusing on working with disadvantaged individuals in Washington, D.C. who are interested in learning the electrician trade and building a career. The program features a journeyman electrician apprenticeship with one-on-one guidance and support on all the essential aspects of becoming an electrician—including support as a journeyman electrician, as well as hands-on experience under the watchful eye of an industry veteran.

In addition, I am an International Code Council (ICC) Certified Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector. I was a part of the DCRA Resident Inspector Program, in which DCRA trains District residents to perform housing, illegal construction, and vacant building inspections.

I am a competent and skilled Master Electrician with over 20 years of experience, and I am truly eager to serve on this board because I love this city and am proud to be a native Washingtonian. This is my way of giving back to a city that has given me so much, from the late, great Marion Barry, who provided me with my very first job, to now Mayor Bowser, who is working to allow me, as well as every Washingtonian, "A Fair Shot." I will bring to this board exceptional leadership, interpersonal, and communication skills.

I fully understand that this board "was established to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the District by ensuring that individuals engaged in these trades have the specialized skills and training required to perform such services for the public." I am committed to using my skills to work with this board to achieve that mission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify today and I welcome any questions you may have.

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