



Councilmember Anita Bonds

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to confirm the appointment of Ms. Norma Hutcheson to the District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Norma Hutcheson Confirmation Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023".

Sec. 2. (a) The District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability ("BEGA") investigates alleged ethics law violations by District government employees and public officials, provides binding ethics advice, and conducts mandatory training on the District government's Code of Conduct. The Office of Open Government is an independent office within BEGA that enforces the Open Meetings Act, monitors the District's Freedom of Information Act compliance, and assists agencies with implementing open government practices.

(b) Section 203 of the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011, effective April 27, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-124; D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.03), provides that members shall be appointed for 6-year terms with the advice and consent of the Council.

(c) On October 21, 2022, Chairman Mendelson introduced, at the request of the Mayor, PR25-0010, the District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Melissa

31 Tucker Confirmation Resolution of 2022, to confirm Melissa Tucker to BEGA for a 6- year
32 term.

33 (d) The Committee on Labor and Executive Administration held a public roundtable on
34 PR25-0010 on January, 30, 2023.

35 (e) Ms. Hutcheson's nomination will be deemed disapproved on February 8, 2022, if the
36 Council does not approve her nomination.

37 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
38 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the District
39 of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Norma Hutcheson Emergency
40 Confirmation Resolution of 2023 be adopted on an emergency basis.

41 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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