

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
COMMITTEE REPORT**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

TO: Members of the Council of the District of Columbia



FROM: Christina Henderson, Chairperson
Committee on Health

DATE: May 31, 2023

SUBJECT: PR25-228 - Board of Massage Therapy Johanna Brooks Confirmation Resolution of 2023

The Committee on Health, to which PR25-228, the “Board of Massage Therapy Johanna Brooks Confirmation Resolution of 2023” was referred, reports favorably and recommends approval by the Council of the District of Columbia.

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I. BACKGROUND AND NEED

On April 27, 2023, Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced PR25-228, the “Board of Massage Therapy Johanna Brooks Confirmation Resolution of 2023,” which would confirm the reappointment Johana Brooks as a licensed massage therapist to the Board of Massage Therapy. Without Council action, this resolution would be deemed approved on June 17, 2023.

Pursuant to D.C. Code § 3–1202.15, the Board of Massage Therapy regulates the practice of massage therapy in the District of Columbia. The Board is comprised of five members appointed by the Mayor. Of the members of the Board, four shall be massage therapists licensed

in the District and one shall be a consumer member. Members of the Board shall be appointed for terms of 3 years.

Johanna Brooks is nominated for reappointment as a licensed massage therapist for a term to end October 29, 2023, and a new term to end October 29, 2026. She has served on the Board since 2018. She has several certifications, including as a life coach, mentor, and hypnotist. She received her Massage Therapy education from Brian Utting School of Massage in Seattle, WA, and has a BA in International Studies from American University, and dual Global Executive MBA degrees from Georgetown University & ESADE Business & Law School in Barcelona, Spain. She is a Ward 3 resident.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee recommends the confirmation of Johanna Brooks a licensed massage therapist. Ms. Brooks is highly qualified for her reappointment to the Board of Massage Therapy. With over 14 years of experience as a licensed and practicing massage therapist, she possesses a well-rounded background and deep understanding of the profession. Her diverse work settings, including private offices, spas, hospitals, and corporate environments, demonstrate her breadth of knowledge. As an active Board Member since 2018, she has contributed to maintaining high standards for practicing professionals and advocating for improvements in education requirements. Her dedication to public safety and the well-being of District residents makes her an ideal candidate for this reappointment.

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

- April 27, 2023 PR25-228, the “Board of Massage Therapy Johanna Brooks Confirmation Resolution of 2023” was introduced by the Chairman at the request of the Mayor.

- May 2, 2023 PR25-228 was referred to the Committee on Health.

- May 05, 2023 Notice of Intent to Act on PR25-0228 Published in the District of Columbia Register.

- May 09, 2023 Notice of Roundtable filed in the Office of Secretary.

- May 12, 2023 Notice of Roundtable Published in the District of Columbia Register.

- May 16, 2023 Notice of Roundtable filed in the Office of Secretary.

- May 19, 2023 Notice of Roundtable Published in the District of Columbia Register.

- May 31, 2023 Consideration and vote on PR25-228 by the Committee on Health.

III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Committee did not receive any additional comments from the Executive.

IV. ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION

The Committee did not receive comments from any Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

V. SUMMARY OF STATEMENT

The Committee on Health requested responses to a questionnaire, as well as a brief written statement, from Johanna Brooks. In these documents, Ms. Brooks expressed her gratitude for the nomination to serve on the DC Board of Massage Therapy and her commitment to continuing to serve the residents of the District. With 14 years of experience as a licensed massage therapist, Johanna has worked in various settings, collaborating with different healthcare professionals and serving a diverse clientele. She highlighted the importance of a well-rounded approach in the profession, which includes technical skills and creating safe, trusted spaces for clients. Johanna also emphasized her role in promoting high standards of practice and ethics through her tenure on the Board, advocating for improvements in education requirements. She expressed her vision for revising regulations to align with current industry standards and her eagerness to collaborate with national organizations. Overall, Johanna's dedication to maintaining high standards, advancing the profession, and supporting the well-being of District residents is evident in her testimony.

VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

PR25-228 does not amend existing law.

VII. FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There are no expenditures in conjunction with this legislation.

VIII. SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1 contains the long and short titles of the legislation.

Section 2 confirms the appointment of Johanna Brooks as a licensed massage therapist member of the Board of Massage Therapy.

Section 3 provides, upon resolution adoption, for transmittal to the nominee and the Office of the Mayor.

Section 4 provides that the resolution shall take effect immediately.

IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

On May 31, 2023, the Committee on Health convened a mark-up at 1:54pm on PR25-228, the “Board of Massage Therapy Johanna Brooks Confirmation Resolution of 2023.” Pursuant to Council Period 25 Council Rule 430(b), four Members of the Committee on Health agreed to a shorter notice to markup the measure in the Committee. The measure was circulated with Committee staff at 11:53am on May 31, 2023 and requested to be added to the agenda of the additional Committee meeting at 1:00pm, and be considered at approximately 1:45pm, on May 31, 2023. This enabled the Committee to agendaize this measure for the June 6, 2023 Legislative Meeting, thus ensuring the Council had the opportunity to consider it before the passive approval date of June 17, 2023.

Present and voting were Chairperson Christina Henderson and Councilmembers Charles Allen and Brianne K. Nadeau. Chairperson Henderson gave a description of PR25-228 before opening the floor for comments from the members. Hearing no discussion, Chairperson Henderson then moved for block approval of the Committee Print and the Committee Report of PR25-228. The Committee voted 3-0 to approve the Committee Print and the Committee Report with the members voting as follows:

YES: Henderson, Allen, Nadeau

NO: 0

The meeting was adjourned.

X. ATTACHMENTS

- A. PR 25-228 as introduced, with Mayor’s Transmittal Letter, Nominee’s Resume, and Referral Memo
- B. Pre-hearing Written Questionnaire and Written Statement submitted by the nominee
- C. Legal sufficiency determination
- D. Written Consent Memo for Shortened Notice for Markup
- E. Committee Print of PR25-228

ATTACHMENT
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MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

April 27, 2023

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 215 of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 14, 1995 (D.C. Law 10-205; D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.15), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

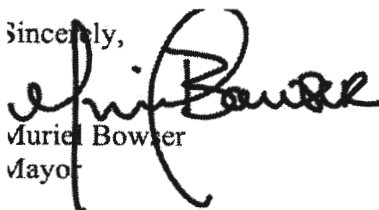
Ms. Johanna Brooks
Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016
(Ward 3)

for reappointment as a massage therapist licensed in the District member of the Board of Massage Therapy for a term to end October 29, 2023, and for a new term to end October 29, 2026.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, 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 Ms. Johanna Brooks to the Board of Massage Therapy.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Board of Massage Therapy Johanna Brooks Confirmation Resolution of 2023".

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

Ms. Johanna Brooks
Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016
(Ward 3)

as a massage therapist licensed in the District member of the Board of Massage Therapy,
pursuant to section 215 of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985,
effective March 14, 1995 (D.C. Law 10-205; D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.15), for a term to end
October 29, 2023, and for a new term to end October 29, 2026.

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.

Johanna Brooks



HI! I'M JOHANNA.

I facilitate spaces in which people feel empowered to explore new terrain, dive deeply into what matters the most to them, re-align with their joy, values + purpose, and vividly create sustainable transformations - for themselves and the people they impact.

Having worked, lived + traveled in over 50 countries, I bring with me 20+ years of experience in fostering trusted relationships and working closely with clients in coaching, consulting, therapeutic, mind-body and entrepreneurship spaces.

CREDENTIALS

- Certified Hypnotherapist | Evercoach by Mindvalley | March 2023
- Certified Life Coach | Evercoach by Mindvalley | May 2022
- Certified 6-Phase Meditation Trainer | Evercoach by Mindvalley | May 2022
- Certified Mental Health First Aid Provider | National Council for Mental Wellbeing | Sept 2021
- Certified Integrative Health + Wellness Coach | Institute of Integrative Nutrition | March 2021
- Global Executive MBA
 - Georgetown University (USA) + ESADE Business + Law School (Spain) | July 2018
- Certificate in Global Business Management | INCAE Business School (Costa Rica) | July 2018
- Bachelor of Arts (International Studies + Social Enterprise)
 - American University (USA) + United States International University (Kenya) | May 2011
- Licensed Massage Therapist | Brian Utting School of Massage | April 2000

EXPERIENCE



Core Coach + Mentor Coach

Evercoach by Mindvalley | October 2022 - Present

- As 1 of 3 Mentor Coaches for Evercoach's Certified Life Coaching program (led by Ajit Nawalkha, co-founder of Mindvalley and Creator of Evercoach), I facilitate and lead virtual mentor calls for 100s of students weekly, all over the globe. In this role I hold space for exploration + learning, reinforce coaching concepts, tools + techniques, answer cohort questions, facilitate breakout practice groups, and demonstrate Live coaching with students.
- Currently serving as 1 of 20 Core Coaches for Mindvalley's flagship 12-month 'Chief Life Officer' (CLO) program. In this role I work in collaboration with Mindvalley CEO Vishen Lakhiani and Master Coaches Lorenzo Delano and Ronan Diego de Oliveira (founders of 10x Fitness and Holobody) to support a global group of 100 clients, comprised primarily of CEOs and Entrepreneurs.
- Currently working 1 : 1 with clients in the CLO program for a duration of 12 months to support them in holistically re-envisioning + upleveling their life and business, Through ongoing, bi-monthly coaching sessions and between-session WhatsApp communications, I support my clients in taking actionable steps, shifting patterns that no longer serve the vision, and achieving breakthroughs and transformations in the direction of their goals. With these clients, I utilize a combination of coaching, hypnotherapy, havening, and breathwork techniques, according to the needs that arise.

Life + Leadership Coach

Vital Energy Studio | September 2020 - Present

- Working 1-1 with clients to help them achieve + experience clarity, focus, inspiration, and transformation in both personal + professional / vocational realms.
- Supporting clients in the exploration, development + actualization of goals + visions.
- Empowering clients to trust their knowledge, experience, voice + intuition, and to recognize + embody their beauty, strengths, natural gifts + leadership abilities.
- Serving as a trusted accountability partner, guide + facilitator.

Founder + CEO

Onsite Massage | A Corporate Wellness Company

April 2013 - March 2020

- Built a woman-owned startup from the group-up and recruited, hired, coached, led, provided oversight and worked alongside 3 diverse teams consisting of 26 contractors who worked to fulfill corporate health + wellness contracts serving 1000s of ppl annually in + around Washington DC.
- Overall responsibility for guidance, strategic planning, partnership + client relations, customer experience, media relations, communications, sales, contracts, negotiations, budget and leadership.

EXPERIENCE



Development Consultant

Washington DC, India, Ghana + Tanzania
May 2010 - March 2018

- Consulted + worked hands-on with human-centered design projects to further development in areas of women's health + empowerment, girls' education, youth programming and workplace gender parity.
- Provided leadership, strategic direction, work breakdown and project oversight for a project team working in 5 time zones + on 3 continents, ensuring timely and quality completion of deliverables.
- Collaborated with project leads in various countries to develop strategic partnerships and garner political support + funding.

Owner + Founder

Seattle Bodywork Therapies | Private Practice
April 2000 - December 2008

- Private bodywork + wellness practice centered around kinesiology and movement education and physical treatment of work, stress, and sports-related injury.
- Created an extensive professional referral network of 250+ Seattle-area doctors, OB/GYNs, chiropractors, acupuncturists, physical therapists, midwives, doulas and luxury hotelconcierge.
- Hired and managed Independent Contractors to handle overflow business.



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

Johanna Brooks



Johanna Brooks is a Licensed Massage Therapist living and working in the District of Columbia.

Between 2013 and 2020, Mrs. Brooks was the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Onsite Massage, a wellness company that provided on-site therapeutic massage services to companies & organizations committed to supporting their employee health and wellbeing. In this role she hired, trained, and managed three regional teams of over 25 independent contractors who fulfilled contracts serving thousands of people annually. Before moving to the District in 2009 to complete a degree from American University, Mrs. Brooks founded Seattle Bodywork Therapies in Seattle, Washington, where she served a regional network of clients for nine years. Currently, she provides therapeutic massage services to a select group of clients in-home.

In addition to being a Licensed Massage Therapist, Mrs. Brooks is also a Certified Transformational Life Coach, Integrative Health Coach, Hypnotherapist, NLP Practitioner, and has deep experience as a Development Consultant, having lived & worked internationally to help organize, plan, and implement a range of projects serving various global communities.

A Ward 3 resident, Mrs. Brooks received her primary Massage Therapy education from Brian Utting School of Massage in Seattle, a BA degree in International Studies (International Development & Social Enterprise) from American University, and dual Global Executive MBA degrees from Georgetown University (DC) & ESADE Business & Law School (Barcelona, Spain) in 2018. She holds a Masters Certificate in Global Business Management from INCAE Business School in Costa Rica. Since 2020, she has trained and received additional Certifications in Life Coaching, Integrative Health Coaching, and Hypnotherapy.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Tommy Wells, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: March 31, 2023
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Cary Bland, Johanna Brooks, Maisha Goss-Johns, and Regina McLinden as members of the Board of Massage Therapy

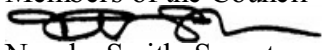
This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced resolutions and found them to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Vanessa Careiro, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-724-1303, or me at 202-724-7681.

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

Elizabeth A. (Betsy) 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, May 1, 2023
Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Thursday, April 27, 2023. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Board of Massage Therapy Johanna Brooks Confirmation Resolution of 2023", PR25-0228

INTRODUCED BY: Chairman Mendelson, at the request of Mayor

The Chairman is referring this legislation to the Committee on Health. This resolution will be deemed approved on Saturday, June 17, 2023 without Council action.

Attachment
cc: General Counsel
Budget Director
Legislative Services

**ATTACHMENT
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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Christina Henderson

Councilmember, At-Large
Chairperson, Committee on Health

Committee Member

Hospital and Health Equity
Judiciary and Public Safety
Transportation and the Environment

INFORMATION REQUESTED OF NOMINEES

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Name:
 - i. **Johanna Brooks**
2. Position to which nominated:
 - i. **Board of Massage Therapy, Licensed Massage Therapist**
3. Date of nomination:
 - i. **April 27th, 2023**
4. Address (list all residences in the last 10 years):
 - i. **3130 Wisconsin Ave NW, Apt 616, Washington DC, 20016**
5. Date and place of birth:
 - i. **October 9th, 1977 Seattle, WA**
6. Marital status:
 - i. **Married**
 - b. If applicable, please include full name of spouse or domestic partner.
 - i. **Yuniel Yanes Robles**
 - c. If your spouse or domestic partner is employed, please list the spouse's or domestic partner's employer, including the address and nature of the business.
 - i. **N/A, Full-time Student**

EXPERIENCE

7. Education: List secondary and higher education institutions, major, dates attended, degree received, and date degree granted.
 - i. **Brian Utting School of Massage (Seattle) – Licensed Massage Therapist – 1998-2000**
American University – School of International Service (Wash DC) – Bachelors of Arts – Focus on International Development and Social Enterprise – 2009-2011

Georgetown University (Wash DC) & ESADE Business & Law School (Spain) – Global Executive MBA (dual degree) – 2017-2018

Other Certifications received:

Certified Development Project Manager – PM4DEV – 2015-2016

INCAE Business School (Costa Rica) – Masters Certificate in Global Business Management – 2017

Institute of Integrative Nutrition – Integrative Health Coach – 2020-2021

Certified Mental Health First Aid Practitioner – National Council for Mental Wellbeing – 2022

Evercoach – Certified Life Coach – 2022

Evercoach – Certified 6-Phase Meditation Trainer – 2022

Mindvalley – Certified Hypnotherapist & NLP Practitioner – 2022-2023

Evercoach – Certified Business Coach – 2023

8. Employment record:
 - a. Please list all jobs held since college, including the title or description of job, name of employer, city/state/country of work, and dates of employment. Please account for periods of unemployment.
 - i. **Please see my LinkedIn profile:**
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/johannabrooks/>
 - b. Please list all current sources of non-investment income (including each entities' address and nature of business) for you and your spouse or domestic partner.
 - i. **Massage Therapy
Coaching / Consulting
Hypnotherapy**
9. Government experience: Please list any advisory, consultative, honorary, or other part-time services or positions with federal, state, or local governments, other than those listed above. Please also list military service, if any.
 - i. **I've been a Board Member serving on the DC Board of Massage Therapy since September 2018.**
10. Licenses: Please list any professional or occupational licenses that you hold.
 - i. **Licensed Massage Therapist
Soon-to-be Licensed NLP Practitioner (Neuro-Linguistic Programming)**
11. Memberships: Please list all memberships and offices currently or formerly held in professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, public, charitable, and other organizations. Please include any relevant dates in your response.

- i. **American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) – Various dates between 2000 – 2020.**
International Association of Health Coaches (IAHC) – 2020-present
International Alliance of Professional Complementary Practitioners (IAPCP) - 2023

- 12. Published writings: Please list the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, reports, or other public materials that you have written. Please provide copies or active hyperlinks to the Committee.
 - i. N/A

- 13. What do you believe in your background or employment experience qualifies you for this particular appointment?
 - i. **I've been a Licensed Massage Therapist since April 2000 and, although I've pursued some other paths in parallel at times, I've maintained my massage therapy license & been in active practice throughout these 23 years. I've worked in almost every setting a massage therapist can: private and in an independent office practice, in partnership with chiropractors, acupuncturists, OB/GYNs and general practitioner doctors, in the spa setting, with hotels and concierge, in corporate settings, and in mobile onsite and in-home practice. I've owned and operated a massage therapy business in which I employed other massage therapists as independent contractors, and in this role was responsible for overseeing and maintaining a high standard of care and practice. I was appointed Vice President of the DC Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA), and served in this role from 2016-2017. In 2018, I was nominated by Mayor Bowser to the DC Board of Massage Therapy and was approved by District Council in June of 2018, where I have served in an advisory and regulatory capacity for the past 5 years. All of this experience provides me with a unique global and historical perspective on the Massage Therapy industry and profession – and I continue to be passionate about serving the public & ensuring that standards of care and practice are uplifted and upheld.**

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

- 14. Please list all offices with a political party and positions you have held on any partisan or non-partisan campaign, or any public office for which you have been a candidate.
 - i. **No politically-related offices.**

- 15. Please list any services rendered to any political parties, political party conventions or election committees (performed either for a fee or as a volunteer) in the past ten years.
 - i. **None that I can recall.**

16. Please itemize all political contributions to any individual, campaign organization, political party, political action committee, or similar entity of \$50 or more for the past ten years.
 - i. **I don't have a list of these, but from what I can recall I've donated some very small amounts (between \$20-100) to presidential campaigns – Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, and possibly Joe Biden. I don't recall anything outside of these.**
17. Please list all political fundraising functions or events you have either hosted or co-hosted in the last ten years, including the name of the candidate, the date of the event, and where the event was held.
 - i. **None**

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND LEGAL MATTERS

18. Business relationships:
 - a. Please list all positions currently or formerly held as an officer, director, trustee, partner, proprietor, agent, representative, or consultant of any corporation, company, firm, partnership, or other business enterprise, educational, or other institution.
 - i. **None, except for being the founder of my current business, The Vital Energy Studio, and my previous business, Onsite Massage (2013 – 2020)**
 - b. Are you or your immediate family an officer or director of any corporation, partnership, or other organization in the District of Columbia, either for profit or non-profit, that is doing business with the District government? If so, please list the name and address of the entity, your relationship to the organization, and the nature of the business relationship with the District. Please also indicate if the organization is registered with the District and in good standing to do business in the District.
 - i. **No**
 - c. Do you or any member of your immediate family hold an ownership interest in any firm that is now or has ever done business with the District of Columbia government? If so, please list the name and address of the entity, your relationship to the organization, and the nature of the business relationship with the District. Please also indicate if the organization is registered with the District and in good standing to do business in the District.
 - i. **No**
 - d. Please provide the Committee the name of each business entity transacting any business with the District Government in which you or your immediate family have a beneficial interest valued in excess of \$1,000, including publicly traded stock.
 - i. **N/A**

- e. Please provide the Committee the name of each business entity transacting any business (including consulting) with the District Government from which you or your immediate family have received (or are receiving) income for services rendered in excess of \$1,000 during the past three years.
 - i. **N/A**
- f. Do you or any member of your immediate family have any interest, financial or otherwise, that may directly or indirectly pose a conflict of interest for you in performance of your duties for the position for which you have been nominated?
 - i. **No**
- 19. Liabilities: Please provide the name of any lender and the amount of liability for each outstanding liability held by you or any member of your immediate family in excess of \$2,000, with the exception of school, home, or automobile loans.
 - i. **At the time of this writing, I have some credit card debt in the amount of around \$3,000.**
- 20. Property: Please list the address of all real property located in the District of Columbia in which you have an interest with a fair market value in excess of \$5,000.
 - i. **None**
- 21. Other appointments: Are you currently a member of any board or commission connected with the District of Columbia government? Please list all boards and commissions connected with the District Government of which you are or have been a member, including the term of service for each.
 - i. **Only the DC Board of Massage Therapy, with whom I've been serving since June 2018.**
- 22. Gifts: Please list all gifts, donations, and meals, by source and amount, received or made to any District employee over the last ten years; and, if employed by the District now or in the past, list all gifts (including meals) received in your official capacity over the last ten years while employed by the District of Columbia. Please only include gifts, donations, or meals in excess of \$50.
 - i. **None**
- 23. Fundraising: If you are, or have been, employed by the District, please list all fundraising activities, including charitable, political, community and work-related, in which you have been engaged while employed by the District. List activity, amount, source, and purpose.
 - i. **N/A**
- 24. Taxes: Do you have any outstanding liability for any taxes, fees, or other payments to the District, federal or other state or local governments, either contested or uncontested? If so, please describe the types and amounts of all taxes or fees in dispute and the dates the taxes or fees were originally due. Please also provide documentation of any attempts to pay the amount owed or to resolve the disputed claim.

- i. **I don't have anything outstanding with the District of Columbia. I have \$2400 in federal taxes outstanding for 2022, and will pay this in installments before the next tax cycle.**

25. Legal Matters:

- a. Have you ever been investigated, disciplined, or cited for a breach of ethics for unprofessional conduct by, or been the subject of a complaint to any court, administrative agency, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, please explain.
 - i. **No**
- b. To your knowledge, have you ever been investigated, arrested, charged, or convicted (including pleas of guilty or nolo contendere) by any federal, State, or other law enforcement authority for violation of any federal, State, county, or municipal law other than a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.
 - i. **No**
- c. Have you or any business of which you are or were an officer, director, or owner, ever been involved as a party in interest in any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation? If so, please explain.
 - i. **No**
- d. Has any employee, subordinate, supervisor, client or other person of interest ever filed a written complaint against you for any reason? If so, please identify the situation, provide relevant facts, and state the disposition of the matter.
 - i. **No**

26. Lobbying: Have you registered in the past three years with any local, state, or federal government to lobby? If so, please list, the jurisdiction(s) in which you were or are registered, the date(s) of your registration, and the clients on whose behalf you have lobbied.
- i. **No**

27. Please advise the Committee of any additional information, favorable or unfavorable, which you feel should be considered in connection with your nomination.
- i. **I look forward to continuing to serve both the public & those within my long-chosen profession. I will work harmoniously to ensure that the highest standards of care & practice are met and maintained.**

OATH

Please complete the following affirmation and include it with the answers and documentation you provide to the Committee in response to this questionnaire.

I, _____, attest and affirm under penalty of perjury that the answers and materials provided to the Committee in response to this questionnaire are, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate, and complete. I understand that if I knowingly or willfully make any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation, such statement and/or representation could subject me to civil and/or criminal penalties.

SIGNATURE

DATE

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**



Public Roundtable on

**PR25-0228, the “Board of Massage Therapy Johanna Brooks
Confirmation Resolution of 2023”**

Testimony of

Johanna Brooks

Before the

Committee on Health

Council of the District of Columbia

The Honorable Christina Henderson, Chairperson

May 31, 2023

1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting Platform

The John A. Wilson Building

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20004

Good afternoon, Chairperson Henderson and members of the Committee. My name is Johanna Brooks, and it is my pleasure to receive your consideration for my nomination to serve on the DC Board of Massage Therapy. I am deeply grateful to Mayor Bowser for re-nominating me to the Board. I'm honored to have this opportunity to continue serving the residents of our District.

I have been a licensed and practicing massage therapist since April of 2000, with 14 years licensed and practicing here in the District of Columbia. My career in massage therapy led me to work in a vast range of settings, and with a tremendously diverse cross-section of people, both as clients and as colleagues.

My experiences over the past two decades have provided me with a well-rounded background essential in understanding the various aspects, viewpoints, and historical landscape of the profession. I have been fortunate to serve clients through private office practice, in world-class spas, resorts & hotels, and in collaboration with chiropractors, acupuncturists, physical therapists, OB/GYNs and general medical practitioners. I have also provided therapeutic services to clients in-home and in-hospital settings, in professional sports arenas, and through corporate employee wellbeing programs.

From 2013 until the pandemic closed our doors in March of 2020, I was the CEO and Founder of Onsite Massage, a corporate and events massage company serving organizations & companies prioritizing their employees' health and wellbeing. We also partnered with organizations like Destination DC, to provide services at convention center events & around town. I managed more than 30 licensed massage therapists as independent contractors and was able to pay above-market wages for contracted services.

Before my appointment to the Board of Massage Therapy, I served for two years as Vice President of the DC Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association. In this role, I provided strategic direction and support to the President and to Chapter members.

Since September 2018, it has been my great pleasure to serve as a Board Member on the Board of Massage Therapy, doing my part to help ensure the standards for practicing professionals here in the District remain high. In addition to participating in bi-monthly meetings and making advisory decisions pertaining to licensing and regulation, I've been able to use my voice as an advocate for raising the bar on initial and continuing education requirements for therapists.

When I first became a massage therapist, I quickly realized that helping people understand their anatomy, physiology and kinesiology was only a fraction of what I had signed up for. The actual "massage part" of being a massage therapist was easy; ensuring that I was, in fact, educated and able to hold confidently the trust of my clients was top priority. One of the most wonderful – and yet often overlooked – aspects of our

profession is that it requires a combination of both hard & soft skills: The ability to work effectively with muscle, tendon & tissue, but also to facilitate safe and trusted spaces, to conduct needs assessments with care, and communicate with compassion – all of these are integral aspects of what we do. I care very much about supporting this well-rounded approach.

Moving forward, I am excited to continue to build upon and expand the efforts of the Board to maintain a high standard of practice and ethics for massage therapists who work in the District - and also maintain a positive, safe and healing experiences for the public that we serve. There is no doubt that the profession of Massage Therapy is a high-value offering in a sometimes high-stress city that thrives on over-achievement and excellence. I would love to see DC continue to relax, de-stress, and receive the quality of wellness support that allows its dedicated people to rest, restore themselves and keep going.

To this end, I look forward to continuing the work of revising the regulations governing practice here in the District. This will bring the regulations up to date with the current professional landscape and national norms in the areas of education and continuing education, which will provide a better framework for moving forward and serve to mitigate future questions that may arise.

I'm also eager to continue the work and dialogue we've already begun with members of the Federation of Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB), Regulatory Education and Competence Hub (REACH), and the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB) to create a comprehensive course on Ethics, Boundaries, and Code of Conduct.

The Board has an essential role in safeguarding the public, and in ensuring that the standards of care and practice here in the District remain high. It is my intention to utilize my expertise to continue working in collaboration with others who similarly support these goals. The District is a beautiful city in which to live, and the health and wellbeing of its residents is incredibly important.

Thank you, Madame Chairperson, for your time and consideration. I would be happy to answer any questions you have.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Councilmember Christina Henderson

FROM: Nicole L. Streeter, General Counsel *NLS*

DATE: May 31, 2023

**RE: Legal Sufficiency Determination for Proposed
Resolution 25-228, the Board of Massage Therapy
Johanna Brooks Confirmation Resolution of 2023**

The measure is legally and technically sufficient for Council consideration.

This proposed resolution would confirm the reappointment of Ms. Johanna Brooks as a licensed massage therapist member of the Board of Massage Therapy, pursuant to section 215 of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 14, 1995 (D.C. Law 10-205; D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.15).

I am available if you have any questions.

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**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
COMMITTEE REPORT**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

TO: Members of the Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Committee on Health

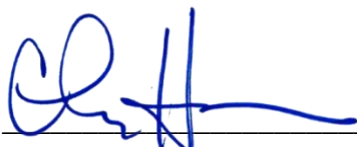
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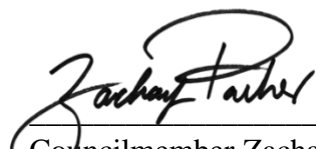
SUBJECT: Shorter Notice for Markup for PR25-228 - Board of Massage Therapy Johanna Brooks Confirmation Resolution of 2023 and PR 25-229 - Board of Massage Therapy Maisha Goss-Johns Confirmation Resolution of 2023

Pursuant to Council Period 25 Council Rule 430(b), the four undersigned Members of the Committee on Health agree to a shorter notice to markup the following confirmation resolutions in the Committee. The measures were circulated with Committee staff at 11:53am on May 31, 2023 and requested to be added to the agenda of the additional Committee meeting at 1:00pm, and be considered at approximately 1:45pm, on May 31, 2023.

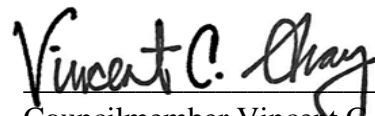
This enables the Committee to agendize these measures for the June 6, 2023 Legislative Meeting. This will ensure the Council has the opportunity to consider them before the passive approval date of June 17, 2023.

- PR25-228 - Board of Massage Therapy Johanna Brooks Confirmation Resolution of 2023
- PR 25-229 - Board of Massage Therapy Maisha Goss-Johns Confirmation Resolution of 2023


Christina Henderson, Chairperson


Councilmember Zachary Parker


Councilmember Charles Allen


Councilmember Vincent C. Gray

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1 **Committee Print**
2 **Committee on Health**
3 **PR25-0228**
4 **May 31, 2023**
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8 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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15 To confirm the reappointment of Ms. Johanna Brooks to the Board of Massage Therapy.
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17 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
18 resolution may be cited as the “Board of Massage Therapy Johanna Brooks Confirmation
19 Resolution of 2023”.

20 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the reappointment of:
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22 Ms. Johanna Brooks
23 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
24 Washington, DC 20016
25 (Ward 3)
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27 as a licensed massage therapist member of the Board of Massage Therapy, pursuant to section
28 215 of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 14,
29 1995 (D.C. Law 10-205; D.C. Official Code 3-1202.15), for a term to end October 29, 2026

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

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