


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

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**TO:** Chairman Phil Mendelson  
**FROM:** Councilmember Christina Henderson   
**RE:** Request to Agendize Measures for the June 6, 2023 Legislative Meeting  
**DATE:** June 1, 2023

Pursuant to Council Rule 426, regarding a waiver of Rule 231(c), I request that the following measures be agendized for the June 6, 2023 Legislative Meeting. I also request a waiver of Committee of the Whole Rule 403(b) so that these measures be agendized for an Additional Meeting of the Committee of the Whole should one be scheduled. These measures were passed unanimously by the Committee on May 31, 2023 and filed with the Secretary, but the records were not complete until after close of business on May 31, 2023.

- **B25-34 – Expanding Access to Fertility Treatment Amendment Act of 2023**

B25-34 would expand health insurance coverage in the District of Columbia provided through private insurers, Medicaid, and the DC Healthcare Alliance to include diagnosis and treatment for infertility. B25-34 was sequentially referred to the Committee on Business and Economic Development and the Committee on Health, both of which marked up the bill on May 31, 2023 and filed it with the Secretary. This was a reintroduction of B24-699, for which Committee on Business and Economic Development held a public hearing on October 25, 2022.

- **PR25-0228 - Board of Massage Therapy Johanna Brooks Confirmation Resolution of 2023**
- **PR25-0229 - Board of Massage Therapy Maisha Goss-Johns Confirmation Resolution of 2023**

PR25-228 would confirm Johanna Brooks for reappointment to the Board of Massage Therapy as a licensed massage therapist member. PR25-229 would confirm Maisha Goss-Johns for appointment as a consumer member of the Board of Massage Therapy. Both PR25-228 and PR25-229 received a confirmation roundtable and were marked up by the Committee on Health on May 31, 2023 and filed with the Secretary.

I also request that the following measure be agendized for the June 6, 2023 Legislative Meeting:

- **Sharon R. Lewis Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2023**

This ceremonial resolution recognizes and honors Sharon R. Lewis for her 37 years of service to the District of Columbia government. Born and raised in the District of Columbia, Sharon R. Lewis earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and a PhD in Health Care Administration and was the first nurse to be appointed as the Interim Director of the DC Department of Health in July 2022. In this role, she has led the agency's response to two different virus outbreaks: the Omicron BA.5 variant of COVID-19 as well as mpox in 2022, and led the agency during the end of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency. Dr. Lewis is retiring at the end of this week. Please see the draft resolution attached.

Please contact Ona Balkus, Committee Director, [obalkus@dccouncil.gov](mailto:obalkus@dccouncil.gov), with any questions.

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