



**MURIEL BOWSER**  
**MAYOR**

May 7, 2024

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 201 of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.01), I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

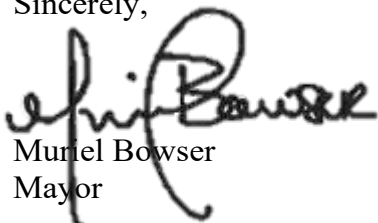
Dr. Michelle Latortue  
Brothers Place, SE  
Washington, DC 20032  
(Ward 8)


for reappointment as a dentist licensed in the District member of the Board of Dentistry, for a term to end November 30, 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 Dr. Michelle Latortue to the Board of Dentistry.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Board of Dentistry Dr. Michelle Latortue Confirmation Resolution of 2024”.

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

Dr. Michelle Latortue  
Brothers Place, SE  
Washington, DC 20032  
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as a dentist licensed in the District member of the Board of Dentistry, established by section 201 of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.01), for a term to end November 30, 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.

# MICHELLE C. LATORTUE

[Doctor of Dental Surgery]



**Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry**, Doctor of Dental Surgery, **Jun '13 – Jun '17**, Nashville TN  
**University of Tampa**, Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, **Jan '10 – May '12**, Tampa FL  
**Saint Leo University**, Biology Major, **Aug '08 – Dec '09**, St. Leo FL

## President/CEO

**District Dental Services (DDS) | Nov 2019 – Present | Washington DC**

Founder and President, DDS is a DC based nonprofit focused on funding dentures/partials and related procedures for low income and underserved communities.

## Doctor of Dental Surgery, General Dentist

**Dental Health of DC, LLC | Nov 2018 – May 2020 | Washington DC**

General dentist, responsible for: Examinations, diagnosis of oral disease and treatment plans for all patients. Performing surgical procedures on the teeth, bone and soft tissues of the oral cavity. Experienced with children and adults.

## Doctor of Dental Surgery, Dental Residency

**St. Elizabeths Hospital, GPR Program | Jul 2017 – Jun 2018 | Washington DC**

Practiced the management of medically complex and special-needs patients in both outpatient and hospital settings while increasing knowledge in the practice of dentistry and its various disciplines.

## Externships, General Dentistry

**Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center | Sep 2016 & Mar 2017 | Nashville TN**

Performed oral screenings, fillings, and extractions under the supervision of Dr. Robyn Turner-Mays.

**Tomlinson Dental, Angela Tomlinson, DDS | May 2016 – Jun 2016 | Tampa FL**

Observed proper sterilization techniques, oral screenings, fillings, extractions, and denture fabrications.

**Family Dental Group, Nathan Graddy, DDS | May 2013 – Jun 2013 | Tampa FL**

Observed screenings, cleanings, fillings, extractions, and root canal therapy.

## Medical Assistant

**30th Street Medical Associates | Jun 2007 – May 2012 | Tampa FL**

Worked 20 hour a week during the school year and full time in summers as a medical assistant.

## Community Leadership & Service

'15 & '16 Mission of Hope Haiti

'14 – '17 Salvation Army of TN

'14 – '17 Meharry Medical College TN

'16 Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church TN

'15 CWA Cayce Learning Center TN

'13 Haynes Middle School TN



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**Dr. Michelle Latortue**



Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS is a licensed dentist and the President and CEO of District Dental Services, a DC-based nonprofit focused on funding dentures/partials and related procedures for low-income and underserved communities.

Dr. Latortue had over 10 years of experience practicing in Tampa and Nashville before coming to the District of Columbia to continue her professional career. Dr. Latortue held numerous positions within general dentistry practices before coming to the District and undertaking a residency at St. Elizabeths Hospital as a Doctor of Dental Surgery. She later served as a General Dentist at Dental Health of DC, LLC where she performed surgical procedures, cleanings, and examinations on both children and adults. She founded District Dental Services in 2019 to respond to the lack of dental care in “dental desert” areas east of the Anacostia River by providing underserved community members much needed examinations, treatment, and other services they would otherwise have gone without.

A Ward 8 resident, Dr. Latortue earned her Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of Tampa and her Doctorate in Dental Surgery from Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Tomas Talamante, Steve Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** April 29, 2024  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Dr. Michelle Latortue, Dr. Imani Lewis, and Dr. Chanelle Roberts as members of the Board of Dentistry

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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 Erika Satterlee, 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.

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Elizabeth A. (Betsy) Cavendish