



**MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR**

June 11, 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 D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.06(f), I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

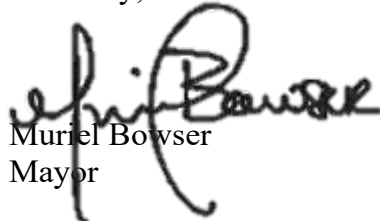
Mr. John R. McGuire  
Georgia Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20012  
(Ward 4)

for reappointment as a funeral director licensed in the District member of the Board of Funeral Directors, for a term to end March 1, 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

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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the reappointment of John R. McGuire to the Board of Funeral Directors.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Board of Funeral Directors John R. McGuire Confirmation Resolution of 2024”.

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

Mr. John R. McGuire  
Georgia Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20012  
(Ward 4)

as a funeral director licensed in the District member of the Board of Funeral Directors, established by D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.06(f), for a term to end March 1, 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.

# John R. McGuire

## Education:

University of the District of Columbia, 1977, A.A.S. in Mortuary Science.

## Employment:

McGuire Funeral Service, Inc., Washington, D.C.

Since 1972, past president, currently vice president and funeral director

## Professional Activities:

National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association,

Member 1978-1985

Independent Funeral Directors Association, affiliate of NFD&MA

Member 1978-1985, have served as member of the Executive Board

National Funeral Directors Association

Member since 1982, served as member of the Policy Board

Funeral Directors Association of Metropolitan Washington, DC, affiliate of

NFDA, member 1982-2005, have served as president, vice president and treasurer

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington

Member of the Board of Directors 1991-1996

Academy of Funeral Service Practice

Member since 1992, Certified Funeral Service Practitioner, life member

National Foundation for Mortuary Care

Member 1992-2000, served as Region 3 trustee

District of Columbia Board of Funeral Directors

Member 1993-2011, 2017-present, have served as secretary and as chair

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Region III Disaster

Mortuary Operational Response Team, member since 1993, currently deputy commander, having been deployed more than 30 times in various roles

Maryland State Funeral Directors Association Disaster Response Team,

Member since 2007

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

Past member of the Bioterrorism Task Force

Past member of the Mass Fatality Surge Committee

Mid-Atlantic Forensic Identification Group

Past vice president and member

## Licenses and Certifications

District of Columbia, funeral director

Virginia, funeral director courtesy card  
Federal Emergency Management Agency and National Funeral Directors  
Association, Certified Disaster Coordinator  
International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards of the  
United States, National Board certified  
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Mass Fatality Incident Course,  
Instructor  
West Virginia Forensic Death Investigation certification  
Virginia Crematory Operator certification

Other Activities:

D.C. Community Emergency Response Team, member  
D.C. and Maryland Medical Reserve Corps, member  
Civil Air Patrol, National Capital Wing, past squadron commander  
Town of Highland Beach, MD Planning & Zoning Commission, member  
D.C. Board of Elections & Ethics, past poll worker and site coordinator

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### John R. McGuire



Mr. John R. McGuire is the Vice President and Funeral Director of McGuire Funeral Service, Inc.

Having over 35 years of experience as a Funeral Director, he brings vast knowledge and expertise. In 2012, the company celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, in partnership with the National Funeral Directors Association, awarded Mr. McGuire with the Certified Disaster Coordinator designation for completing the in-residence training course. He is also a certified West Virginia Death Investigator.

A Ward 4 resident, Mr. McGuire earned his Associate of Arts in Mortuary Science from the University of the District of Columbia.



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:** May 29, 2024  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Duane E. Hills, Randolph B. Horton, John R. McGuire, Ernest T. Boykin, and Asanti D. Williams as members of the Board of Funeral Directors

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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