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MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

FEB 28 2019

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 203 of the Green Finance Authority Establishment Act of 2018, effective August 22, 2018 (D.C. Law 22-155; D.C. Official Code § 8-173.23), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

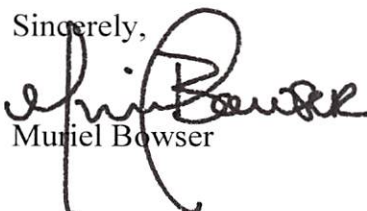
Ms. Brandi Colander  
2142 Branch Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20020  
(Ward 7)

for appointment as a financial, project development, or legal expertise in clean energy, clean infrastructure, clean transportation, stormwater management, or green infrastructure member of the Green Finance Authority Board, for a term to end April 1, 2022.

Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience for Ms. Colander, together with proposed resolutions 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



Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution,  
which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

To confirm the appointment of Ms. Brandi Colander as a member of the Green Finance Authority Board.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Green Finance Authority Board Brandi Colander Confirmation Resolution of 2019”.

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

Ms. Brandi Colander  
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Washington, DC 20020  
(Ward 7)

as a financial, project development, or legal expertise in clean energy, clean infrastructure, clean transportation, stormwater management, or green infrastructure member of the Green Finance Authority Board, in accordance with section 203 of the Green Finance Authority Establishment Act of 2018, effective August 22, 2018 (D.C. Law 22-155; D.C. Official Code § 8-173.23), and pursuant to section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), for a term to end April 1, 2022.

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

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

# Brandi A. Colander

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## EXPERIENCE

**Charter Communications, Washington, DC**

July 2017-present

*Head of External Relations, D&I*

- Senior team member of a new function, Diversity and Inclusion, within the Charter enterprise. Conduct strategic outreach, external relations, stakeholder engagement and philanthropic initiatives.
- Build strategic partnerships to advance Charter's Memorandums of Understanding at the state and federal level with internal and external leadership regarding programming, supplier diversity, workforce development, philanthropy, and corporate governance.
- Work in partnership with Government Affairs, Communications, Corporate Social Responsibility and business units to ensure sustainable growth of the organization.
- Assist external stakeholders in understanding Charter's policies and products.

**National Wildlife Federation, Washington, DC**

September 2016-July 2017

*Associate Vice President, Natural Resources and Energy*

- Lead federal policy team working on natural resources, energy and public lands.
- Serve as a liaison with the Administration, federal agencies and Congress on priority policies.
- Collaborate with stakeholder groups and state affiliates to leverage advance coalition development and bipartisan support for key priorities and legislation including advocacy of infrastructure investments and outdoor recreation.

**United States Department of the Interior, Washington, DC**

June 2014-August 2016

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management*

- Managed and supported the four energy development bureaus (Administration priorities, programmatic targets and budgets): Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.
- Project manager for key energy priorities for the Administration and advanced regulations:
  - Coal regulatory efforts, including the proposed Stream Protection Rule, Power Plus and the RECLAIM Act.
  - Regulatory efforts to sustainably develop and authorize conventional fuels, including prospective development in the Arctic and the Arctic Rule.
  - Efforts to develop and authorize renewable energy projects and supportive infrastructure in coordination with the Executive Office of the President and other federal agencies, including offshore wind.
- Managed communications rollouts, Congressional oversight requests, and budgets in partnership with bureaus.
- Promoted civic engagement through outreach and meetings with diverse stakeholders on Departmental issues.
- Representative on the Steering Committee of the Western Regional Partnership in coordination with the Department of Defense.
- Serve as a liaison to the White House and other agencies.

**Opower, Arlington, VA**

August 2013-May 2014

*Director, Market Development & Regulatory Affairs*

- Managed a regional team on market expansion in the Northeast and Canada.
- Developed and advanced thought leadership on energy policy market trends and business impacts.
- Served as a spokesperson for the company in regulatory proceedings, hearings, conferences and external meetings.
- Worked closely with utilities, government officials, regulators and stakeholders to remove regulatory barriers, understand our products and scale the business. This included navigating concerns regarding data access, privacy, and behavioral trends.

**Executive Office of the President**

**White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Washington, DC**

April 2012-August 2013

*Deputy General Counsel*

- Advised principals and CEQ staff on legal aspects of CEQ actions, statutory and regulatory interpretations.
  - Provided recommendations on matters, principally arising under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
  - Supported CEQ's engagement on United States Supreme Court cases in coordination with Department of Justice.
  - Drafted Executive Orders and Presidential Memoranda in coordination with cooperating agencies.
  - Served as CEQ's Chief Freedom of Information Act Officer, Designated Alternate Ethics Officer and Co-Chair of the Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice.
- Provided operations counsel (i.e. contracts, recusals, etc.), managed and advised CEQ's attorney advisor and clerkship program.
- Represented CEQ in advancing the Administration's infrastructure efforts as set forth in the President's March 2012 Executive Order on *Improving Performance of Federal Permitting and Review of Infrastructure Projects* and May 2013 Presidential Memorandum by Co-Chairing the Working Group and coordinating with cooperating federal agencies, principally the Office of Management and Budget to implement this initiative.
- Supported CEQ's efforts to resolve interagency disputes regarding energy, the environment and natural resources by working with CEQ leadership, industry, communities, state, local and federal governments.

- Extensive coordination with outreach and engagement to advise stakeholders on federal energy and environmental policies.

**Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, NY**

September 2008-April 2012

*Attorney, Energy & Transportation Program*

- Advised stakeholders on state and federal energy policy on utility industry restructuring, decoupling, energy efficiency, smart grid and renewable energy, with a focus on offshore wind.
- Coordinated with federal and state agencies on various environmental and energy legislative initiatives.
- Participated in administrative proceedings, conducted cross-examinations, and performed extensive research and writing to support our legal and policy work on utility regulations and renewable energy.
- Selected as the project manager of the Facebook/NRDC/Opower social energy initiative to enhance energy literacy and influence energy consumption behavior and [greenpowernyc.com](http://greenpowernyc.com), a website developed to enable New York City residents to purchase renewable energy through renewable energy credits.
- Managed consultants, supported by foundation grants, who assist in administering energy efficiency work.
- Maintained a blog presence on Switchboard and worked with Communications to produce written materials on portfolio.
- Associate Produced a short film entitled, "A Clean Energy Future", in conjunction with Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee's office, available at: <http://renewableenergymutualfunds.org/a-clean-energy-future/>.

**McCarter & English, LLP, Hartford, CT**

September 2007-July 2008

*Associate, Business Litigation, Environmental, & Energy*

- Conducted extensive research and writing in preparation for depositions, arbitrations and litigation.
- Advised on and assessed environmental transactions by reviewing Phase I reports, preparing environmental opinions, hazardous substance indemnity certificates to ensure that they met environmental requirements and identified potential environmental risks.
- Created environmental subject matter primers for potential clients.
- Participated in work groups with the Connecticut Department of Environmental protection designed to assess, evaluate, and research current legislation and policies, resulting in the drafting of new legislation.

**Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Trenton, NJ**

August 2002-August 2003

*Assistant Program Officer, Multi-Cities Affiliate*

- Served as community economic development liaison for territory in Elizabeth, Paterson and Plainfield, NJ.
- Developed and facilitated Environmental Building Training Workshop, presented as a panelist at various conferences addressing affordable housing, non-profit lending, child care facilities, and sustainable and community development.
- Testified before the Joint Committee on the Public Schools and Schools Facilities Subcommittee encouraging the Department of Education to develop regulations to include community providers in the district's long-range facilities planning process.

**EDUCATION**

**Yale University, New Haven, CT**

*School of Forestry & Environmental Studies-Master of Environmental Management*

August 2005-May 2007

**Academic Employment:** Yale Project on Climate Change Research Assistant; Yale F&ES Career Development Office Assistant; New Haven Solar Youth Educator.

**Activities:** Industrial Environmental Management & Energy Student Interest Group; Multicultural Ethnic Student Association.

**Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT**

*School of Law, Juris Doctor*

August 2003-May 2007

**Honors:** *Vermont Journal of Environmental Law*; Negotiations Competition performance earned membership on Negotiations Board; Dean's Office Student Ambassador; selected for Exchange Student Program with Howard University School of Law (Washington, D.C., Spring 2005).

**Academic Employment:** Research Assistant for President Geoffrey B. Shields (Fall 2004).

**Vermont Law School Legal Clinic:** Student counsel for family law, bankruptcy and immigration matters.

**Activities:** Black Law Students Association.

**Howard Law School, Washington, DC**

*Semester Exchange Student*

January 2005-May 2005

**Academic Employment:** Research Assistant, Professor e. christi cunningham.

**University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA**

*School of Architecture- Bachelor of Urban and Environmental Planning*

August 1998-May 2002

**Honors:** Dean's Office Peer Advisor; Teaching Assistant; State Certified Mediator; Monticello Tour Guide.

**Academic Employment:** Resident Coordinator-University Housing; University Development Office; University Catering.

**Activities:** University Mediation Services; Black Student Alliance, Vice President; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

## LICENSES AND AFFILIATIONS

Member, United States Supreme Court Bar

Member, Connecticut Bar

Member, American Bar Association

Board Member, Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

Board Member, Women's Network for a Sustainable Future

Former Mentor, First Lady's Mentoring Program

## PUBLICATIONS

NRDC Issue Brief, October 2012. "*The Promise of the Smart Grid*" (Co-authored with Samir Succar prior to transition from NRDC)

The Electricity Journal, 2011, Vol. 24, Issue 7. "Offshore Renewable Energy: *The Path Forward*."

Offshore Wind Wire, May 13, 2011. "Friday Interview: *Four Questions with Brandi Colander*."

The Washington Post, February 21, 2011, "Commentary, O'Malley's proposal to ramp up offshore wind is a jobs generator."

The Electricity Journal, 2010, Vol. 23, Issue 3. "Where the Wind Blows: *Navigating Offshore Wind Development, Domestically and Abroad*."

Yale University's SAGE Magazine, 2007, Vol. 2, Issue 1. "Babbitt Breaks It Down: *Balancing Conservation and Development in the United States*."

Quoted in periodicals including the Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg Businessweek, Harvard Kennedy School News, Cape Cod Today and ABC News.



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## Brandi Colander



**Brandi Colander** is the former Deputy Assistant Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management at the United States Department of the Interior.

Ms. Colander served as the Deputy General Counsel for the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). CEQ is charged with upholding the tenets of the National Environmental Protection Act and facilitating interagency coordination among federal agencies in the development of environmental and energy policies and initiatives.

Prior to joining the Executive Office of the President, Colander was an attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), an international environmental non-profit with over 400 scientists, attorneys and 1.3 million members headquartered in New York City.

Working with NRDC's Air & Energy group, her expertise in energy policy focuses on industry restructuring and utility regulation, energy efficiency, the "smart grid" and renewable energy programs – specifically offshore wind.

A Ward 7 resident, Ms. Colander earned her Master's degree at Yale University, Juris Doctor at Vermont Law School and Bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Alana Intrieri, Steve Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** February 12, 2019  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Brandi Colander, Hannah Hawkins and Edward Hubbard as voting members to the Green Finance Authority Board

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**This is to Certify** that this office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-724-7681.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'.

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Elizabeth Cavendish