

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2021 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 1

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2021

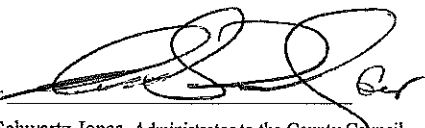
Introduced by: Chairperson

A RESOLUTION appointing Amy Renee Brooks to the Board of Appeals of Howard County, Maryland, to fill a term ending on December 31, 2025.

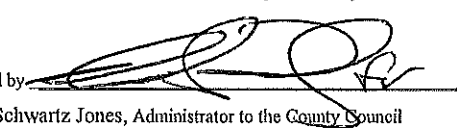
Introduced and read first time on January 4, 2021.

By order 
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on January 19, 2021.

By order 
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted X, Adopted with amendments ___, Failed ___, Withdrawn ___ by the County Council
on February 3, 2021.

Certified by 
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language.
Strikeout indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 501(a) of the Howard County Charter provides that members of
2 the Board of Appeals shall be appointed by the Howard County Council to serve from the first
3 day of their appointment or until their successors are appointed, and
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5 **WHEREAS**, due to a term expiration, there will be a vacancy on the Board of
6 Appeals for a term that expires December 31, 2020; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, the County Council has the utmost confidence in the abilities and the
9 character of:

10 **Amy Renee Brooks**

11 **Columbia, Maryland**
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13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard
14 County, Maryland, this 3rd day of February, 2021, that Amy Renee Brooks be,
15 and is hereby, appointed a member of the Board of Appeals of Howard County, Maryland, to
16 serve from, the 3rd of February, 2021, until December 31, 2025, or until a
17 successor is appointed.
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Amy R. Brooks

Objective

To facilitate open dialogue and collaborative work

Summary of Qualifications

- *20+ years experience working as an educator working with learners of all ages*
- *Clarity in verbal and written communication skills*
- *High-energy, motivational leader*
- *Dedicated to teamwork, inclusive environments, and problem-solving*

Experience

2018-current Oakland Mills High School Columbia, MD

ELA Teacher/ Founder of OMO

- Supported learning in a classroom setting and through extra-curricular activities such as GSA (Gender-Sexuality Alliance), Book Club, and Poetry Club
- Created the Scorpion Speaker Series for grades 9-12
- Developed community learning platform to support learning during the pandemic

2013-current Home-based business

Writing & Wellness Coach

- Facilitated health improvements in clients who suffered from stress, poor nutrition, lack of fitness, low energy, and weight issues
- Managed multi-media presence: website, Twitter, Facebook groups
- Published author of Stuff Your (Super) Mom Forgot to Tell You (women's wellness guide)

2013-2016 Lake Elkhon Middle School Columbia, MD

ELA Teacher/ Instructional Team Leader

- Supported learning in a classroom setting and through extra-curricular activities such as Book Club, Poetry Club, and our staff/student Wellness Committee
- Led the English Language Arts (ELA) as Instructional Team Leader (ITL)
- Developed a Wellness Day & Night events and a partnership with Whole Foods, Columbia

2003-2013 Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School Baltimore, MD

English Teacher

- Utilized motivating and rigorous learning strategies for students in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades.
- Awarded 2013 BCPSS Outstanding Teacher and Reginald F. Lewis 2006 Outstanding Teaching Award-Mergenthaler High School

2010-2011 Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School Baltimore, MD

Academy Leader

- Collaborated with teachers, students, and administrators in order to improve school systems.
- Organized Academy programs and policies that emphasized students' successes.

2006- 2007 LearningFront Consulting

Education Consultant

- Trained teachers in Maryland and New Jersey in standards-based lesson planning through computer software programs.
- Facilitated school improvements through workshops and individual consulting.

2005-2006 Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School Baltimore, MD

English Teacher and Instructional Management Team Member

- Developed a school-wide reform initiative with administrators in order to raise HSA test scores.
- Led professional development workshops for data-driven lesson planning and BCR/ECR use across the curriculum.

Fall 2002 Yang En University Fujian, China

English Teacher

- Implemented effective strategies for speaking and listening English courses.
- Created lessons for college students who were learning English as a second language.

1999-2002 Frederick Douglass High School Baltimore, MD

English Teacher

- Utilized motivating and rigorous learning strategies for students in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades.
- Created lessons for College Writing, Survey, Debate, World Literature, and American Literature courses.
- Awarded Academy "Teacher of the Year" 2001.

2000-2002 Baltimore Urban Debate League

Debate Team Coach

- Supervised student team meetings in order to prepare researched arguments for tournaments.
- Judged debates at monthly debate tournaments throughout Baltimore and Maryland.
- Traveled with Baltimore students to St. Petersburg (Russia), to Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia (USA), and to Towson University (USA) for debate institutes.

Education

2014-2015 Institute of Integrative Nutrition, New York, NY

- Certified Health Coach (graduation May, 2015)

2007-2009 College of Notre Dame Baltimore, MD

- Completed 18 credits toward a Doctorate of Philosophy: Instructional Leadership for Changing Populations
- 3.8 GPA

2001-2006 College of Notre Dame Baltimore, MD

- Masters of Arts in Teaching - Certificate of Administration
- Earned Teaching Certificate (Secondary English)
- 3.94 GPA

1995-1999 Towson University Towson, MD

- B.A., English (Creative Writing) and African-American Studies
- Honors Student, 3.5 GPA
- Semester Student Exchange: Ghana, West Africa; Los Angeles, CA