

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF:                 :  
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Drane Flannery Restaurant,       :  
LLC, t/a The Big Board           :  
421 H Street NE                   :  
Retailer CT                         : Summary Action  
License No. 87398                   :  
Case #22-CMP-00006                 :  
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(Violation of Mayor's               :  
Orders)                              :  
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Friday  
February 4, 2022

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:  
DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson  
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member  
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member  
JENI HANSEN, Member  
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member  
ALSO PRESENT:

SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 12:21 p.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon,  
4 everyone. We're on the record. We're here for  
5 the Alcoholic Beverage Board for the District of  
6 Columbia.

7 In accordance to D.C. Official Code  
8 Section 2574 of the Open Meetings Act I'm  
9 welcoming you to an emergency meeting of the  
10 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

11 This meeting is being conducted  
12 pursuant to guidance made available by the  
13 District of Columbia's Office of Open Government  
14 regarding electronic meetings held by public  
15 bodies during the public emergency.

16 Pursuant to the guidance notice of  
17 today's meeting was provided 48 hours in advance  
18 of the meeting at ABRA's website, and on the  
19 District Central Meeting Calendar.

20 The notice includes the time, date,  
21 agenda, and a call in or log in to permit public  
22 participation. Excuse me. This electronic  
23 meeting is being hosted by a WebEx account  
24 provided by the District of Columbia Government.  
25 Please address any questions or complaints to the

1 OOG at opengovoffice@dc.gov.

2 My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm  
3 Chairman of the Board. I would like to introduce  
4 the other members of the ABC Board who are also  
5 participating electronically, pursuant to Mayor's  
6 Order 2022-007.

7 Please announce your name, please  
8 respond when I announce your name. Ms. Rafi  
9 Crockett.

10 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett,  
11 present.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni  
13 Hansen.

14 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, present.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Edward  
16 Grandis.

17 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis,  
18 present.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has  
20 four members in attendance for the conduct of  
21 business today. And that constitutes a quorum.

22 Our first order of business today, we  
23 had a summary suspension hearing, Case number 22-  
24 CMP-00006. The Big Board, License number 87398.  
25 This is a violation of the Mayor's order

1 overnight. And so, based on that, that was our  
2 calendar today.

3 But overnight we created a legal  
4 agenda, because, early this morning. And so, I'm  
5 going to turn to the Board making decision on  
6 summary suspension hearing on our calendar.

7 Let me go to our legal agenda for  
8 today, Friday, February 4th, 2022. The first  
9 matter on our legal agenda is review of  
10 respondent's request for continuance of summary  
11 action hearing dated February 4th, 2022 in Case  
12 number 22-CMP-00006, the Big Board, License  
13 number 087398.

14 In their motion for continuance the  
15 respondents had asked for a six week continuance.  
16 One of the reasons why the respondents had asked  
17 for a continuance, it was he needed some time to  
18 seek counsel.

19 The Number 2 on our legal agenda is  
20 the Government's response, which is a review of  
21 the Government's response to respondents' request  
22 for continuance of Summary Action Hearing dated  
23 February 4th, 2022, in Case number 22-CMP-00006,  
24 the Big Board, License number 087398.

25 I'm going to therefore make a motion.

1 Before I make a motion, Mr. Jim Short has now  
2 joined us. And the Board now has five members in  
3 attendance. And as I stated before we do have a  
4 quorum.

5 I'm going to make a motion. And the  
6 motion is to grant in part the, the motion I'm  
7 making is to grant in part the continuance  
8 request by the licensee, and deny in part.

9 So, we're going to grant, the motion  
10 I'm going to make is to grant the continuance.  
11 He had asked for six weeks continuance. The  
12 Government has stated that they would agree if  
13 the Board agrees to provide a continuance, that  
14 they would agree to a two week continuance.

15 However, the Board in its discretion  
16 will agree. So, I'm making a motion that the  
17 Board agree to a one week continuance. So, the  
18 motion is that we will now have the hearing on  
19 February 10th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. And that no  
20 further continuance will be granted by either  
21 side. Is there a second?

22 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I second.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
24 second the motion. I will now take a roll call  
25 vote on the motion. Mr. Short.

1 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett.

3 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I

4 agree.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen.

6 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis.

8 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis.

9 Agree.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

11 Anderson. I agree. The matter passes five,

12 zero, zero. So there, the Board, so then Board

13 then will grant a one week continuance. And the

14 summary suspension hearing will now be convened

15 on February 10th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. And no

16 further continuances will be granted to either

17 side.

18 Thank you. We are now adjourned for

19 the day. I will now ask the Board Members to

20 return to Executive Session. Thank you. Have a

21 great day. All right. Bye, bye.

22 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter

23 went off the record at 12:26 p.m.)

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A</b></p> <p>a.m 5:19 6:15  <b>ABC</b> 3:4  <b>above-entitled</b> 6:22  <b>ABRA</b> 1:22  <b>ABRA's</b> 2:18  <b>account</b> 2:23  <b>Act</b> 2:8  <b>action</b> 1:7 4:11,22  <b>address</b> 2:25  <b>adjourned</b> 6:18  <b>advance</b> 2:17  <b>afternoon</b> 2:3  <b>agenda</b> 2:21 4:4,7,9,19  <b>agree</b> 5:12,14,16,17 6:1  6:4,6,9,11  <b>agrees</b> 5:13  <b>Alcoholic</b> 1:2,13 2:5,10  <b>ALIYA</b> 1:17  <b>Anderson</b> 1:14,17 2:3  3:2,12,15,19 5:23 6:2  6:5,7,10,11  <b>ANDREWS</b> 1:22  <b>announce</b> 3:7,8  <b>asked</b> 4:15,16 5:11  <b>attendance</b> 3:20 5:3  <b>available</b> 2:12</p>	<p>4:17,22 5:7,10,11,13  5:14,17,20 6:13  <b>continuances</b> 6:16  <b>Control</b> 1:2,13 2:10  <b>convened</b> 6:14  <b>counsel</b> 4:18  <b>created</b> 4:3  <b>Crockett</b> 1:17 3:9,10,10  6:2,3,3  <b>CT</b> 1:7</p>	<p><b>Hansen</b> 1:18 3:13,14,14  6:5,6,6  <b>hearing</b> 1:3,7 3:23 4:6  4:11,22 5:18 6:14  <b>held</b> 2:14  <b>hosted</b> 2:23  <b>hours</b> 2:17</p>	<p><b>Open</b> 2:8,13  <b>opengovoffice@dc.g...</b>  3:1  <b>order</b> 3:6,22,25  <b>Orders</b> 1:10  <b>overnight</b> 4:1,3</p>
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