

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF:                   :  
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LEGAL AGENDA                        :  
LICENSING AGENDA                   :  
AGENDA RESCINDING PRIOR           :  
APPROVAL OF 405.1                 :  
AND 404.2 STATUS                   :  
BOARD TEMPORARY LICENSE           :  
AND ONE DAY SUBSTANTIAL           :  
CHANGE DOCKET                      :  
LICENSING ADMINISTRATIVE          :  
DOCKET                               :  
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Wednesday  
February 15, 2023

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

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson  
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member  
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member  
JENI HANSEN, Member  
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABRA Staff

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

2 11:52 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let us now do  
4 our legal agenda. The first matter on our legal  
5 agenda is review of settlement agreement, dated  
6 February 1st, 2023, by and between Advisory  
7 Neighborhood Commission 1B, the Barzilai Group of  
8 Five or More and Tawle. License No. 122616.

9 I make a motion that we approve the  
10 agreement. Is there a second?

11 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen will  
12 second.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen is  
14 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll  
15 call vote.

16 Mr. Short?

17 (No audible response.)

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato.

19 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

21 (No audible response.)

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

23 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I  
24 agree.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

1 Anderson. I agree. The matter passed 5-0-0.

2 Number 2, review of settlement  
3 agreement, dated February 1st, 2023, by and  
4 between Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B and  
5 Pop. License No. 12198. I make a motion that  
6 we approve this request. Is there a second?

7 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis will  
8 second.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis has  
10 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll  
11 call.

12 Mr. Short?

13 (No audible response.)

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato.

15 MEMBER CATO: Cato. I agree.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

17 (No audible response.)

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

19 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis. I  
20 agree.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

22 Anderson. I agree. The matter passed 5-0-0.

23 Number 3, review of applicant's motion  
24 for reinstatement of its dismissed application in  
25 Case No. 23-PRO-00007, Bravo Lounge, License No.

1 118192.

2 I'm making a motion that we deny this  
3 request. Is there a second?

4 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I second.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
6 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll  
7 call.

8 Mr. Short?

9 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Cato?

11 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

13 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

15 (No audible response.)

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

17 Anderson. I agree. The matter passed 5-0-0.

18 Number 4, review of protestants' joint  
19 request for additional time and witnesses, dated  
20 February 1st, 2023. This is Case No. 22-PRO-  
21 00128 and Case No. 22-PRO-00142. This is in the  
22 Rosemarino D'Italia case. License No. 109613.  
23 The Board voted this morning on the protest  
24 hearing status 5-0 to approve this request.

25 The next case on our calendar is

1 review of the request to withdraw protest, dated  
2 February 10th, 2023, in Case No. 22-PRO-00104,  
3 Vision Lounge, License No. 121350. I make a  
4 motion that we approve this request. Is there a  
5 second?

6 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis will  
7 second.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis has  
9 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll  
10 call vote.

11 Mr. Short?

12 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato.

14 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

16 (No audible response.)

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

18 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis. I  
19 agree.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.  
21 Anderson. I agree. The matter passed 5-0-0.

22 Number 6, review of the motion for  
23 reconsideration of Board Order No. 2023-067,  
24 dismissing group protest, dated February 13th,  
25 2023. This is at Harvest Tide Steakhouse.

1 License No. 118108. I make a motion that we deny  
2 this request. Is there a second?

3 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. Second.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
5 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll  
6 call vote.

7 Mr. Short?

8 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Cato?

10 (No audible response.)

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

12 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

14 (No audible response.)

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

16 Anderson. I agree. The matter passed 5-0-0.

17 Number 7, review of the correspondence  
18 from Councilmember Janeese Lewis George from Ward  
19 4. This is an FYI for the Board.

20 Number 6, review of the Glover Park  
21 Moratorium Zone, notice of final rulemaking. I  
22 make a motion that we approve this request. Is  
23 there a second?

24 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I second.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has

1 seconded the motion. We will have a roll call  
2 vote.

3 Mr. Short?

4 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Cato?

6 MEMBER CATO: Cato. I agree.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

8 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

10 (No audible response.)

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

12 Anderson. I agree. The matter passed 5-0-0. We  
13 now move to our licensing agenda. The first  
14 matter on our licensing agenda is a review  
15 application to add a sports wagering endorsement  
16 to its license. This is for Artemis, A-R-T-E-M-  
17 I-S. License No. 117517.

18 I make a motion that we placard this  
19 matter. Is there a second?

20 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis will  
21 second.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis,  
23 then Mr. Cato, seconded the motion. We will now  
24 have a roll call vote.

25 Mr. Short?

1 (No audible response.)

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

3 MEMBER CATO: Cato. I agree.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

5 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

7 (No audible response.)

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

9 Anderson. I agree. The matter passed 5-0-0.

10 Number 2, review application for  
11 entertainment endorsement to provide live  
12 entertainment inside the premises only. This is  
13 for Lola's. License No. 086141. I make a motion  
14 that we placard this matter. Is there a second?

15 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis will --

16 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen will  
17 second.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis,  
19 then Ms. Hansen, has seconded the motion. We  
20 will now have a roll call vote.

21 Mr. Short?

22 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Cato?

24 MEMBER CATO: Cato. I agree.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?



1 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

3 (No audible response.)

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

5 Anderson. I agree. The matter passed 5-0-0.

6 Number 3, review application for a

7 change of hours of operation only. This is for

8 Mister Rotisserie Chicken. License No. 120562.

9 I make a motion that we placard this matter. Is  
10 there a second?

11 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I second.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
13 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll call  
14 vote.

15 Mr. Short?

16 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

18 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

20 (No audible response.)

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

22 (No audible response.)

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

24 Anderson. I agree. The matter passed 5-0-0.

25 Number 4, review application to change

1 the hours of operations on Sundays. This is for  
2 The Good Guys restaurant. License No. 000899. I  
3 make a motion that we approve this request. Is  
4 there a second?

5 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis will  
6 second.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis  
8 will second. The motion will now have a roll  
9 call vote.

10 Mr. Short?

11 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

13 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

15 (No audible response.)

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

17 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis. I  
18 agree.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.  
20 Anderson. I agree. The matter passed 5-0-0.

21 Number 5, review request for approval  
22 to provide a gift of cupcakes that doesn't exceed  
23 \$500 in value to Lax Wine & Spirits. License No.  
24 082054. The request has been made by Breakthru  
25 Beverage. License No. 060518. I make a motion

1 that we approve this request. Is there a second?

2 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I second.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
4 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll call  
5 vote.

6 Mr. Short?

7 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Cato?

9 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

11 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

13 (No audible response.)

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

15 Anderson. I agree. The matter passed 5-0-0. We  
16 now move to our agenda rescinding prior approval  
17 of Section 405.1 and Section 404.2 status. The  
18 ABC Board will be rescinding approval of the  
19 license -- following licenses in Section 405.1  
20 and Section 404.2. Status of the reasons listed  
21 below.

22 There are seven establishments. I  
23 will state their name, the license number, and  
24 why we will be rescinding their approval process,  
25 and on the left I will make a motion that the

1 Board rescind the approval.

2 The first licensee is Ana Salvadoran  
3 and Mexican Food, License No. 109015. The  
4 applicant did not renew.

5 Number 2, Pop Social. License No.  
6 112530. The applicant did not renew.

7 Number 3, Punch Bowl Social. License  
8 No. 112576. Applicant did not renew.

9 Number 4, FERIA, F-E-R-I-A. License  
10 No. 113445. Licensee did not renew.

11 Number 5, Ella Grace. License No.  
12 117794. Licensee did not renew.

13 Number 6, We the Pizza Express.  
14 License No. 118926. The licensee did not renew.

15 And Number 7, Wok and Roll and Lounge.  
16 License No. 120606. The licensee did not renew.

17 I therefore make a motion that the ABC  
18 Board rescind the approval of these licenses. Is  
19 there a second?

20 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis will  
21 second.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis has  
23 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll call  
24 vote.

25 Mr. Short?

1 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Cato?

3 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

5 (No audible response.)

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

7 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis. I  
8 agree.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.  
10 Anderson. I agree. The matter passed 5-0-0.

11 We now move to the Board's temporary  
12 license and one-day substantial change docket.  
13 On this license, there are ten applicants. I  
14 will read the name of the ten applicants, the  
15 type of license that they are requesting, the  
16 event, the occupants and the license number at  
17 the end of the list. I'll ask the Board to  
18 approve the granting of these licenses.

19 The first request is from Lana Mahmoud  
20 for a one-day license Class F. This is for a  
21 concert that was previously approved by the ABC  
22 Board for January 25th, 2023. The new date,  
23 however, is now March 2nd, 2023. The License No.  
24 is 123756, 350 attendees, five security guards.

25 Number 2, a request from Vasfi Sasaun,

1 V-A-S-F-I, S-A-S-U-A-N, for a one-day license  
2 Class G. Book author with local moderator. This  
3 is the event February 16th, 2023. The license  
4 number is 123940, 14 attendees, one security  
5 guard.

6 Number 3, a request from Brenda L.  
7 Velasco, V-E-L-A-S-C-O, for a one-day license  
8 Class G for a wedding. This is July 1st, 2023.  
9 The license number is 123938, 150 attendees,  
10 three security guards.

11 Number 4, a request from Rene Holder,  
12 a one-day license Class G, wedding. May 21st,  
13 2023. The license number is 123927, 200  
14 attendees, four security guards.

15 Number 5, a request from Emily Crews,  
16 one-day license Class G, dance performance.  
17 Previously approved by the ABC Board for January  
18 25th, 2023. The event now is March 18th, 2023.  
19 License No. 123813, 150 attendees, three security  
20 guards.

21 Number 6, a request from Joshua Leach  
22 for a one-day license Class G, a wedding, October  
23 21st, 2023. The license number is 123962, 150  
24 attendees, three security guards.

25 Number 7, a request from Jennifer

1 Curie. A one-day license Class G, Annual Ireland  
2 at the Wharf. This is March 18th, 2023. License  
3 number is 123969, 2,500 attendees in waves  
4 throughout the event, 22 security guards.

5 Number 8, another request from  
6 Jennifer Curie. A one-day license Class G. The  
7 Annual Cherry Blossom. April 1st, 2023. License  
8 number is 123968, 2,500 attendees in waves  
9 throughout the event, 26 security guards.

10 Number 9, another request from  
11 Jennifer Curie. One-day license Class G, Annual  
12 Running of the Chihuahuas.

13 MEMBER SHORT: Chihuahuas.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Chihuahuas.

15 Thank you very much.

16 The Annual Running of the Chihuahuas.  
17 This is May 6th, 2023. Rain date is May 13th,  
18 2023. The license number is 123970, 1,500  
19 attendees in waves throughout the event, 26  
20 security guards.

21 Number 10 is another request from  
22 Jennifer Curie, one-day license Class G,  
23 fireworks viewing. This is on July 4th, 2023.  
24 License number is 123971, 1,500 attendees in  
25 waves throughout the event, 16 security guards.

1 I make a motion that ABC Board grant  
2 these requests. Is there a second?

3 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen will  
4 second.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen has  
6 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll call  
7 vote.

8 Mr. Short?

9 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

11 MEMBER CATO: Cato. I agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

13 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

15 (No audible response.)

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

17 Anderson. I agree. The matter passed 5-0-0.

18 Our last agenda item for the day is  
19 our Licensing Administrative Docket. This docket  
20 contains six applicants. This is the last  
21 process before the agency issues the license, and  
22 so therefore I'm going to list the applicants and  
23 type of their request. And at the end of the  
24 list, I'll ask the ABC Board to approve the  
25 issuance of these licenses.



1                   The first request is a request from  
2 Benchmark Wine & Spirits, Brentwood Wine D.C.  
3 License No. 118102. Retailer A liquor store,  
4 personal auction permit application.

5                   Number 2 is a request from S-W-A-T-H-  
6 I, the last name is V-E-E-R-A-V-A-L-L-I, for a  
7 personal importation permit. The license number  
8 is 23-IMP-00004.

9                   Number 3, a request from Chavo  
10 Enterprises, LCC. Trade name to be determined.  
11 License No. 123486. Retailer C tavern, new ABC  
12 license application.

13                   Number 4, a request from The Clayton.  
14 License No. 120060, Retailer C tavern, new ABC  
15 license application.

16                   Number 5, Next Door. License No.  
17 077567, Retailer C tavern, streatery endorsement  
18 application.

19                   And Number 6, Amsterdam Caf, Lounge &  
20 Restaurant. License No. 115293, Retailer C  
21 tavern, corporate name change to Amsterdam, LLC.

22                   I make a motion that ABC Board approve  
23 the requests. Is there a second?

24                   MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis will  
25 second.

1 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen will  
2 second.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen and  
4 Mr. Grandis have second. The motion will now  
5 have a roll call vote.

6 Mr. Short?

7 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

9 (No audible response.)

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

11 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

13 (No audible response.)

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.  
15 Anderson. I agree.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The matter  
17 passed 5-0-0.

18 We have now come to the end of our  
19 agenda item for the day, and we have now come to  
20 the end of our calendar agenda for the day. So  
21 if there's no further ado, I will now close our  
22 hearing for the day.

23 As Chairperson of the Alcoholic  
24 Beverage Control Board for the District of  
25 Columbia and in accordance with D.C. official

1 code 2575(b) and Section 2575(b)14 of the Open  
2 Meetings Act, I move the ABC Board hold a closed  
3 meeting on March 1st, 2023, for the purpose of  
4 discussing and hearing reports concerning ongoing  
5 or planned investigations of alleged criminal or  
6 civil misconduct or violations of law or  
7 regulations and seeking legal advice from our  
8 legal counsel on the matters identified on the  
9 Board's legal licensees and investigative agenda  
10 for March 1st, 2023, as published in the D.C.  
11 Register on February 24th, 2023. Is there a  
12 second?

13 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I second.

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15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
16 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll  
17 call vote.

18 Mr. Short?

19 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

21 MEMBER CATO:MEMBER GRANDIS: Bobby  
22 Cato. I agree.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

24 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

1 (No audible response.)

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.  
3 Anderson. I agree.

4 As it appeared that the motion has  
5 passed, I hereby give notice that ABC Board will  
6 hold this closed meeting pursuant to the Open  
7 Meetings Act. Notice will also be posted on the  
8 ABC Board hearing room bulletin board, placed on  
9 the electronic calendar on ABRA's website and  
10 published in the D.C. Register in as timely a  
11 manner as practical.

12 We are now adjourned for the day. I  
13 would like to thank the members of the public who  
14 have participated in the hearings today and also  
15 thank the ABC Board members who actively  
16 participated in this hearing today. We're now  
17 firmly adjourned for the day. I now request that  
18 all ABC Board members return to executive session  
19 for further action. Thank you very much. Have a  
20 great day.

21 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
22 went off the record at 12:10 p.m.)

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