

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD

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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF:	:
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Emergency and Proposed	: Public
Rulemaking -	: Hearing
Medical Cannabis	:
Signs and Advertising	:

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Wednesday  
March 6, 2024

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board met via Webex videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson  
SILAS GRANT, JR., Member  
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff

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

2 11:05 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case  
4 on our calendar is a public hearing. It's an  
5 emergency and proposed rulemaking for medical  
6 cannabis signs and advertisement.

7 All right. On January 31, 2024, the  
8 Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board, by a vote  
9 of 3-0, adopted emergency and proposed rules  
10 related to medical cannabis establishment signage  
11 and advertising.

12 The basis of this action was the  
13 passage of the Medical Cannabis Program  
14 Enforcement Emergency Amendment Act of 2024,  
15 which became effective January 25, 2024, and  
16 which modified various medical cannabis  
17 advertising rules.

18 Based upon the Council's emergency  
19 amended legislation, the Board's emergency and  
20 proposed rulemaking seeks to:

21 One, ensure that the existing  
22 regulations comply with current law;

23 Two, clarify how medical cannabis  
24 facilities may post signage and be advertised;

25 Three, establish advertising and

1 signage guidelines as unlicensed operators  
2 transition to the legal medical cannabis market;

3 Four, avoid public nuisances;

4 And five, increase awareness of  
5 medical cannabis to be used as medicine and  
6 treatment by qualifying patients.

7 After issuing public notice regarding  
8 these rules, the Board scheduled today's hearing  
9 to take comments from the general public  
10 regarding the proposed rules. ABCA was not  
11 notified in advance of the hearing regarding  
12 anyone who desired to testify today.

13 Mr. Orellana, is there anyone in the  
14 waiting room who wants to testify today regarding  
15 this rulemaking?

16 MR. ORELLANA: Only the court reporter  
17 is in the waiting area.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Thank  
19 you.

20 This matter was scheduled for a  
21 hearing at 10:30. It is now 11:08. No one had  
22 signed up in advance to testify at the hearing,  
23 and there is no one here today to testify.

24 So we will close this public hearing.  
25 And the Board will move forward with its proposed

1 notice.

2 All right. Thank you very much.

3 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
4 went off the record at 11:08 a.m.)

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