

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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 MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :
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 LEGAL AGENDA :
 LICENSING AGENDA :
 CANCELLATION AGENDA :
 BOARD'S DOCKET :
 APPLICATION DECISION :
 DOCKET :

Wednesday
 March 31, 2021

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

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
 BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
 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 10:42 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The first matter
4 on our legal agenda is a review of a settlement
5 agreement, dated March 19th, 2021, between ANC
6 Commission 3B and Ghostline DC. License No.
7 117089.

8 I make a motion that we approve this
9 request. Is there a second?

10 MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett seconds.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has
12 second the motion. We will now have a roll call
13 vote on the motion that has been properly
14 seconded by Ms. Crockett.

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. Crockett?

20 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I
21 agree.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

23 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

25 MEMBER GRANDIS: Yes. Edward Grandis.

1 I agree.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

3 Anderson. I agree. The matter passed 6-0-0.

4 The next matter on our legal agenda is
5 a review of a settlement agreement, dated March
6 19th, 2021, between Advisory Neighborhood
7 commission 7C, the Deanwood Citizens Association
8 and Suburban Market. License No. 108109.

9 I make a motion that we approve this
10 agreement with modifications. Is there a second?

11 MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett seconds.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has
13 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll
14 call vote on the motion that's been properly
15 seconded by Ms. Crockett.

16 Mr. Short?

17 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

19 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

21 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I
22 agree.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

24 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

1 I believe that Mr. Grandis is having
2 some technical difficulties.

3 Mr. Anderson. I agree. The matter
4 therefore passed 5-0-0.

5 The next case on our calendar -- I'm
6 sorry, on our agenda is a review of an Offer in
7 Compromise in lieu of a hearing, dated March
8 22nd, 2021. This is in The Market. License No.
9 080595.

10 The Offer in Compromise is the Charge
11 1 -- Charge 1 on this case is no owner or ABC
12 manager on duty during the establishment's hours
13 of sale.

14 Statutory authority D.C. Code Section
15 25-701, Section 25-823((a)(1) and (3), and 23
16 DCMR Section 707.1.

17 The fine is a fine of \$250 payable
18 within 60 days or the license shall be suspended
19 indefinitely until the fine has been paid.

20 I make a motion that we approve this
21 Offer in Compromise. Is there a second?

22 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I second.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
24 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll
25 call vote on the motion that's been seconded by

1 Mr. Short.

2 Mr. Short?

3 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

5 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

7 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I
8 agree.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

10 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

12 Again, it appears that Mr. Grandis is
13 having some technical difficulties.

14 Mr. Anderson. I agree. The matter
15 therefore passed 5-0-0.

16 The next matter on our legal agenda is
17 the review of the Offer in Compromise in lieu of
18 a hearing, dated March 23rd, 2021, regarding DC
19 Shenanigans. License No. 88119.

20 The Offer in Compromise for this
21 matter is -- Charge 1, the licensee failed to
22 follow the terms of this license by increasing
23 occupancy.

24 Statutory authority D.C. Code Section
25 25-823(a)(7). The term is that a warning will be

1 issued.

2 Is there a second?

3 MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett seconds.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has

5 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll

6 call vote to the motion that's been properly

7 seconded by Ms. Crockett.

8 Mr. Short?

9 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

11 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

13 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I

14 agree.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

16 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

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

19 The next matter on our legal agenda is

20 the Review Request to Reinstate License, dated

21 March 24th, 2021. This is from Brasserie Beck.

22 License No. 076383.

23 I make a motion that we approve this

24 request. Is there a second?

25 MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett seconds.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has
2 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll
3 call vote to the motion that's been properly
4 seconded by Ms. Crockett.

5 Mr. Short?

6 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

8 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

10 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I
11 agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

13 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson.

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

16 The next matter on our legal agenda is
17 the review of an Offer in Compromise in lieu of a
18 hearing, dated March 30th, 2021. This is for
19 Good Hope Deli and Market. License No. 108872.

20 The Offer in Compromise reads as
21 follows: Charge 1, sale of an alcoholic beverage
22 to a person under 21 years of age.

23 Statutory authority D.C. Code Section
24 25-781. The terms, there will be a fine of
25 \$2,000 payable within 60 days or the license

1 shall be suspended indefinitely until the fine
2 has been paid.

3 Term 2, a suspension. The license
4 shall be suspended for five days with all five
5 days to be stayed for one year from the date of
6 adjudication provided that there are no further
7 violations in the year.

8 Term 3, all employees who serve
9 alcoholic beverages in the licensed establishment
10 shall complete an alcohol training program within
11 three months from the date of adjudication.

12 Charge 2, failure to take reasonable
13 steps necessary to ascertain legal drinking age.
14 Statutory authority D.C. Official Code Section
15 27-783. This charge will be dismissed.

16 Is there a second?

17 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I second.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
19 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll
20 call vote on the motion that was properly
21 seconded by Mr. Short.

22 Mr. Short?

23 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

25 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

2 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I
3 agree.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

5 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson.

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

8 We now move to our licensing agenda.

9 The first matter in our licensing agenda is a
10 Review Request to Extend Safekeeping of License.
11 This is for Rhino Investments. License No.
12 099467.

13 I make a motion that we approve this
14 request for September 30th, 2021. Is there a
15 second?

16 MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett seconds.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has
18 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll
19 call vote on the motion that's been properly
20 seconded by Ms. Crockett.

21 Mr. Short?

22 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

24 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

1 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I
2 agree.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

4 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson.

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

7 The next matter on our agenda is a
8 Review Request to Extend Safekeeping of License.
9 This is for Sangria Grill. License No. -- I'm
10 sorry, Sangria Café. License No. 090781.

11 I make a motion that we approve this
12 request for September 30th, 2021. Is there a
13 second?

14 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I second.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
16 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll
17 call vote to the motion that's been properly
18 seconded by Mr. Short.

19 Mr. Short?

20 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

22 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

24 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I
25 agree.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

2 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson.

4 I agree. the matter passed 5-0-0.

5 The next matter on our licensing
6 agenda is a Review Request to Extend Safekeeping
7 of License. This is to be determined. This used
8 to be -- the address is 525 8th Street, LLC.
9 License No. 109404.

10 I make a motion that we approve this
11 request for September 30th, 2021. Is there a
12 second?

13 MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett seconds.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has
15 seconded the motion. We will not have a roll
16 call vote on the motion that's been properly
17 seconded by Ms. Crockett.

18 Mr. Short?

19 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

21 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

23 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I
24 agree.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

1 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson.

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

4 The next matter on our licensing
5 agenda is a review application for a sidewalk
6 café endorsement with 43 seats. This is Swahili
7 Village The Consulate. License No. 114799.

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

10 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I second.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
12 seconded the motion. We will no have a roll call
13 vote to the motion that's been properly seconded
14 by Mr. Short.

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. Crockett?

20 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I
21 agree.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

23 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson.

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

1 The next matter on our agenda is a
2 review application for a sidewalk café
3 endorsement with 12 seats. This is Toro Bar.
4 License No. 092074.

5 I make a motion that we placard this
6 matter. Is there a second?

7 MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett
8 seconds.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett
10 has seconded the motion. We will now have a roll
11 call vote on the motion that's been properly
12 seconded by Ms. Crockett.

13 Mr. Short?

14 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

16 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

18 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I
19 agree.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

21 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson.

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

24 The next matter is a review
25 application for change of hours. This is for WC

1 Beverage. License No. 112440.

2 I make a motion that we approve this
3 request. Is there a second?

4 MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett
5 seconds.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett
7 has seconded the motion. We will now have a roll
8 call vote to the motion that's been properly
9 seconded by Ms. Crockett.

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. Crockett?

15 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I
16 agree.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

18 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

19 MEMBER CROCKETT: Mr. Anderson. I

20 agree. The matter passed 5-0-0.

21 The next matter is a review request to
22 utilize an additional storage unit at the same
23 address for storage of alcohol and business
24 operations. This is a request being made by WC
25 Beverage. License No. 112440.

1 I make a motion that we approve this
2 request. Is there a second?

3 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I second.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
5 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll
6 call vote on the motion that's been properly
7 seconded by Mr. Short.

8 Mr. Short?

9 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

11 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

13 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I
14 agree.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

16 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson.

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

19 The next matter on our licensing
20 agenda is a review application, location and
21 nature of operations for a new ABC -- a new ABRA
22 multipurpose facility license.

23 The request is made by Association for
24 the Preservation of Historic Congressional.
25 License No. 117891.

1 I make a motion that we have a fact-
2 finding hearing. Is there a second?

3 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I second.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
5 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll
6 call vote on the motion that's been properly
7 seconded by Mr. Short.

8 Mr. Short?

9 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

11 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

13 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I
14 agree.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

16 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson.

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

19 We now move to our cancellation
20 agenda. The ABC Board will be cancelling the
21 following licenses for the reasons outlined
22 below:

23 The first establishment is T Elenteny
24 Imports. ABRA License No. 105237. The license
25 requested cancellation.

1 The second establishment is Pho 88
2 Noodles and Grill. License No. 101629. The
3 licensee requests cancellation.

4 I therefore make a motion that ABC
5 Board cancels the license for the two
6 establishments that were just read in the record.

7 Is there a second?

8 MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett
9 seconds.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett
11 has seconded the motion. We will now have a roll
12 call vote on the motion that's been properly
13 seconded by Ms. Crockett.

14 Mr. Short?

15 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

17 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

19 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I
20 agree.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

22 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson.

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

25 We now move to our one-day board

1 docket. The first and only event on our one-day
2 board docket is a request from Sohal Corporation,
3 trade name Glassey. This is an event.

4 The Indian holiday celebration was
5 previously approved on March 17, 2021, from March
6 28th, 2021, but was cancelled due to inclement
7 weather.

8 The new date is April 3rd, 2021. This
9 is a one-day substantial change license. The
10 License No. is 117346 and the subsequent Change
11 No. is now 20-SC-00553.

12 I make a motion that we approve this
13 request. Is there a second?

14 MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett
15 seconds.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett
17 has seconded the motion. We will now have a roll
18 call vote on the motion that has been properly
19 seconded by Ms. Crockett.

20 Mr. Short?

21 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

23 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

25 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I

1 agree.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

3 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson.

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

6 Now, we have our docket. There are 11
7 establishments listed on our docket. I am going
8 to read the name of the licensee, I will also
9 read what's being requested from the licensee,
10 and at the end of the docket I will make a motion
11 that we approve all of the requests.

12 So, the first matter on our docket is
13 a request from Central Liquors. License No.
14 106753. This is a Retailer A liquor store. It's
15 a trade name change application and the new name
16 is BestLiquorDC.

17 The next request is a request made by
18 a Cellar Pros. License No. 012345. This is a
19 storage facility permit application.

20 We're off the record for five minutes.
21 I apologize.

22 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
23 went off the record at 10:59 a.m. and resumed at
24 11:00 a.m.)

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I apologize.

1 We're back on the record. I said five minutes,
2 but I'm back. I'm waiting for our board members
3 to rejoin us so I can continue on the calendar.

4 (Pause.)

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Alright. So,
6 everyone is here. I apologize. So, as we were,
7 the next matter on our docket is a request from
8 Focus. License No. 118015. This is a Retailer C
9 restaurant. This is a transfer with sale
10 application.

11 The next request is a request from Ivy
12 City Wine Company. License No. 118058. They are
13 a Manufacturer A winery. This is a new ABC
14 license application.

15 The next request is a request made by
16 JJ Liquors. License No. 117919. They are a
17 Retailer A liquor store. This is a transfer with
18 sale application.

19 The next request is a request made by
20 Shipley Liquors. License No. 118028. They are a
21 Retailer A liquor store. This is a transfer with
22 sale application.

23 The next request is a request made by
24 Basebowl. License No. 117620. They are a
25 Retailer C restaurant. This is a new ABC license

1 application.

2 The next request, a request made by
3 Taco Bell Cantina. License No. 117777. They are
4 a Retailer C restaurant. This is a stipulated
5 license application.

6 The next request is a request made by
7 Sulgrave Club. License No. 000221. They are a
8 Retailer C club. It's a summer garden
9 application with 16 seats.

10 The next request is a request made by
11 Widget Wine. License No. 117634. They are a
12 Retailer A intimate. It's a new ABC license
13 application.

14 The next request is a request made by
15 Sunny's Liquor. License No. 102372. They are a
16 Retailer A liquor store. This is a change of
17 hours application.

18 I therefore make a motion that we
19 Board approves all the requests made by the
20 establishments that we just read in the record.

21 Is there a second?

22 MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett
23 seconds.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett
25 has seconded the motion. We will now have a roll

1 call vote that has been properly seconded by Ms.
2 Crockett.

3 Mr. Short?

4 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

6 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

8 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I
9 agree.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

11 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

13 Anderson. I agree. The matter therefore passes
14 5-0-0.

15 We have now come to the end of our
16 morning agenda and the Board will then be in
17 recess until our 1:30 hearing.

18 Thank you very much. I will now
19 direct the Board members to return to executive
20 sessions for further business.

21 Thank you very much. We are off the
22 record until 1:30.

23 (Whereupon, at 11:04 o'clock a.m. the
24 hearing was adjourned.)

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