

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:

Spicy Water African	:	
Grill, LLC	:	
t/a Spicy Water	:	
2019 11th Street NW	:	Show Cause
Retailer CR - ANC 1B	:	Hearing (Status)
License No. 125456	:	
Case #25-CMP-00107	:	
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(Substantial Change	:	
(Operating Sidewalk Café	:	
Without Board Approval))	:	

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Wednesday
June 10, 2026

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

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
RYAN JONES, Member
DAVID MEADOWS, Member
TERI JANINE QUINN, Member
JAMES TURNER, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

BETSY MCMULLEN, DC OAG
JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff
VIDA RANGEL, Deputy Director, DC Mayor's Office
of Talent and Appointments

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

2 10:36 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're on the
4 record. And I'm sorry. Good morning.

5 MS. RANGEL: Good morning, everyone.
6 My name is Vida Rangel. I'm the Deputy Director
7 of the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments
8 and it's my pleasure today to be here on behalf
9 of our director, Steve Walker, who's also Deputy
10 Chief of Staff for the Mayor and of course on
11 behalf of Mayor Muriel Bowser to get our newest
12 member of ABC Board sworn in to service. It will
13 be a simple call and repeat. I'll go line by
14 line and ask you to repeat after me. Raise your
15 right hand. Repeat after me, I, state your name.

16 MEMBER TURNER: James Turner.

17 MS. RANGEL: Having been appointed
18 to.

19 MEMBER TURNER: Having been appointed
20 to.

21 MS. RANGEL: The Alcoholic Beverage
22 and Cannabis Board.

23 MEMBER TURNER: The Alcoholic
24 Beverage and Cannabis Board.

25 MS. RANGEL: In the government of the

1 District of Columbia.

2 MEMBER TURNER: In the government of
3 the District of Columbia.

4 MS. RANGEL: Do solemnly swear or
5 affirm that.

6 front Do solemnly swear or affirm
7 that.

8 MS. RANGEL: I, state your name.

9 MEMBER TURNER: I, James Turner.

10 MS. RANGEL: Will support and defend.

11 MEMBER TURNER: Will support and
12 defend.

13 MS. RANGEL: The Constitution of the
14 United States.

15 MEMBER TURNER: The Constitution of
16 the United States.

17 MS. RANGEL: And the laws of the
18 District of Columbia.

19 MEMBER TURNER: And the laws of the
20 District of Columbia.

21 MS. RANGEL: That I will perform such
22 duties.

23 MEMBER TURNER: That I will perform
24 such duties.

25 MS. RANGEL: That may be assigned to

1 me in this position.

2 MEMBER TURNER: That may be assigned
3 to me in this position.

4 MS. RANGEL: To the best of my
5 ability.

6 MEMBER TURNER: To the best of my
7 ability.

8 MS. RANGEL: Without fear or favor.

9 MEMBER TURNER: Without fear or
10 favor.

11 MS. RANGEL: And I will exercise my
12 best judgment.

13 MEMBER TURNER: And I will exercise
14 my best judgment.

15 MS. RANGEL: And will consider each
16 matter before me.

17 MEMBER TURNER: And will consider
18 each matter before me.

19 MS. RANGEL: From the viewpoint of.

20 MEMBER TURNER: From the viewpoint
21 of.

22 MS. RANGEL: The best interest of the
23 District of Columbia as a whole.

24 MEMBER TURNER: The best interest of
25 the District of Columbia as a whole.

1 MS. RANGEL: That I will faithfully
2 discharge said duties.

3 MEMBER TURNER: That I will
4 faithfully discharge said duties.

5 MS. RANGEL: Congratulations, you're
6 sworn in.

7 (Pause.)

8 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
9 went off the record at 10:38 a.m. and resumed at
10 10:40 a.m.)

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning
12 again. We're on the record again. I'm waiting
13 for the Board members to come on board, please.

14 (Pause.)

15 MEMBER QUINN: Mr. Chair, you're on
16 mute. Okay.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Welcome, Mr.
18 Turner. That's why I don't mute myself.
19 Welcome, Mr. Turner, to the Alcoholic Beverage
20 and Cannabis Board. It is a pleasure to see
21 someone with deep roots in community service and
22 dedicated leadership in the District joining the
23 Board. Your longstanding commitment toward one
24 and to your experiences as an advisory
25 neighborhood commissioner speak to a genuine

1 understanding of the neighborhoods and residents
2 the Board serves.

3 As members of the ABC Board, we now
4 share the responsibility of representing the
5 interests of residents of the District of
6 Columbia. This role calls for thoughtful
7 judgment, fairness, and a broad perspective to
8 ensure our decisions reflect the needs and well
9 behind of the entire community. I look forward
10 to working alongside you and appreciate the
11 perspective and insight you will bring to the
12 Board's work. Wishing you every success in this
13 new role.

14 As Chairperson of the Alcoholic
15 Beverage and Cannabis Board for the District of
16 Columbia in accordance with D.C. Office Code
17 Section 2-5718.c of the Open Meetings Act, OMA,
18 I'm welcoming you to the regular scheduled
19 meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis
20 Board. This meeting is being conducted pursuant
21 to guidance made available by the District of
22 Columbia's Office of Open Government regarding
23 electronic meetings held by public bodies.
24 Electronic meetings by the ABC Board are
25 authorized pursuant to Section 2-577.a of the

1 D.C. Code. Pursuant to the OMA requirements,
2 notice of today's meeting was provided 48 hours
3 in advance of the meeting on ABCA's website and
4 on the District's central meeting calendar.

5 The notice included the time, date,
6 agenda, and call-in or log-in information for
7 public participation. This electronic meeting
8 has been hosted by a Webex account provided by
9 the District of Columbia government. Please
10 address any questions or complaints to the OOG at
11 OpenGovOffice@dc.gov.

12 My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm
13 chairperson of the Board. I would like to
14 introduce the other members of the ABC Board who
15 are also participating electronically. Please
16 respond when I announce your names. Ms. Teri
17 Janine Quinn.

18 MEMBER QUINN: Ms. Teri Janine Quinn,
19 present.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. David
21 Meadows.

22 MEMBER MEADOWS: Good morning. Mr.
23 David Meadows, present.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Ryan
25 Jones.

1 MEMBER JONES: Good morning. Mr.
2 Ryan Jones, present.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. James
4 Turner.

5 MEMBER TURNER: James Turner,
6 present.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has
8 five members in attendance for the conduct of
9 business today and that constitutes a quorum.
10 Before we get underway with today's hearing
11 calendar, I need to make a few instructions very
12 clear so that the conduct of these hearings is
13 understood by everyone. There are seven cases
14 scheduled for this morning's calendar.

15 Once your case is called, I will take
16 a moment for IT specialist to elevate the rights
17 for each party to enable their camera and
18 microphone. Then and only then will you have the
19 ability to enable your equipment. If your case
20 has not been heard, you will remain mute and your
21 camera will be disabled.

22 At the conclusion of each case, the
23 parties will have the option to leave. If a
24 party chooses to stay, all cameras and
25 microphones for the concluded case will be

1 disabled. Should you have any questions or
2 require technical assistance during the hearing,
3 please submit them using the question and answer
4 feature.

5 Our first hearing this morning, it is
6 a show cause hearing status, Case No. 25-CMP-
7 00107, Spicy Water, License No. 125456. Good
8 morning, Mr. Orellana. Can you please elevate
9 the parties in this case?

10 MR. ORELLANA: Good morning. Betsy
11 McMullen, access elevated. And that appears to
12 be all, Chairman.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
14 Good morning, Ms. McMullen. Can you please
15 identify yourself for the record?

16 MS. MCMULLEN: Good morning.
17 Assistant Attorney General Betsy McMullen, B-E-T-
18 S-Y M-C-M-U-L-L-E-N, on behalf of the District.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.
20 For a show cause hearing status, there's no
21 requirement for the licensee to be here. This
22 matter if it's not scheduled -- if it's not
23 settled, it's scheduled for a show cause hearing
24 on July 8th at 1:30 p.m.

25 I just want to remind the parties

1 that the parties are required to exchange
2 documents and witnesses seven days before the
3 hearing. Failure by either side to disclose
4 documents and witnesses they will rely upon at
5 the hearing seven days before the hearing, the
6 Board is empowered to prevent that side from
7 relying on those documents. Any questions,
8 ma'am?

9 MS. MCMULLEN: No.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
11 Thank you. All right.

12 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
13 went off the record at 10:48 a.m.)
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C E R T I F I C A T E

This is to certify that the foregoing transcript was duly recorded and accurately transcribed under my direction; further, that said transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings; and that I am neither counsel for, related to, nor employed by any of the parties to this action in which this matter was taken; and further that I am not a relative nor an employee of any of the parties nor counsel employed by the parties, and I am not financially or otherwise interested in the outcome of the action.



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