

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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EMERGENCY MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :
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LICENSING AGENDA :
POLLING DOCKET :
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Thursday
July 8, 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 10:02 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
4 everyone. I am the Chairperson on behalf of the
5 Alcohol Beverage Control Board for the District
6 of Columbia and in accordance with D.C. Official
7 Code Section 25764 of the Open Meetings Act.

8 I am welcoming you to an Emergency
9 Meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

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

15 Pursuant to this guidance, notice of
16 today's meeting was provided 48 hours in advance
17 of the meeting on ABRA's website and on the
18 District's Central Meeting Calendar. The notice
19 included the time, date, agenda and call in or
20 log in information for public participation.

21 This electronic meeting has been
22 hosted by a WebEx account provided by the
23 District of Columbia government. Please address
24 any questions or complaints to the OAG at
25 opengovoffice@DC.gov.

1 My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm
2 Chairman of the Board. I would like to introduce
3 the other members of the ABC Board who are also
4 participating electronically pursuant to the
5 Mayor's Order 2020-054. Please respond when I
6 announce your name.

7 Mr. James Short.

8 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short,
9 present.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bobby Cato.

11 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, present.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rafi

13 Crockett?

14 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett,
15 present.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni Hansen?

17 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, present.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Edward

19 Grandis?

20 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis,
21 present.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has
23 six members in attendance for the conduct of
24 business today and that constitutes a quorum.

25 We do not have a Calendar today. We

1 have two agendas, two licensing agenda item, two
2 licensing agenda and last we'll do a Licensing
3 Agenda. And so the first matter on the Licensing
4 Agenda is the review Letter of Request to Amend
5 Application to correct the trade name. This is
6 for Focus DC LLC, License Number 118015. I make
7 a motion that we approve this request. Do I hear
8 a second?

9 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
11 seconded the motion. We'll now have the Roll
12 Call vote from the motion that was properly
13 seconded by Mr. Short.

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. Grandis?

24 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I
25 agree.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, Mr.
2 Anderson, I agree, the matter passes, six, zero,
3 zero.

4 The next matter on the Licensing
5 Agenda to review for the purpose of an Import
6 Transport Permit. This is for District Winery,
7 License Number 098684. I make a motion that we
8 have a Fact-finding Hearing. Is there a second.

9 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis second.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis and
11 Ms. Crockett second the motion. We will now have
12 the Roll Call vote on the motion.

13 Mr. Short?

14 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

16 MR. CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

18 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I
19 agree.

20 MR. CATO: Ms. Hansen?

21 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

23 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I
24 agree.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I, Mr. Anderson,

1 I agree. The matter passes six, zero, zero.

2 We now move to the Board One Day
3 Docket for July 8th, 2021.

4 The first matter on our One Day Docket
5 is the request from Monique Y. Smith. This is
6 for a One Day Class G License. This is the Blue
7 Aura Consulting Group. The date of the event is
8 July 11th, 2021. The address is 700 Delaware
9 Avenue, SW. The License Number is 118753.

10 I make a motion that we approve this
11 request. Is there a second?

12 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
14 seconded the motion. We will now have a Roll
15 Call vote on the motion.

16 Mr. Short?

17 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

19 MR. 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 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I
2 agree.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And I, Mr.
4 Anderson, I agree. The matter passes six, zero,
5 zero.

6 The next matter on our One Day Docket
7 is a request from Michael Smith for a One Day
8 License Class G. This is for a banquet for the
9 Stewardship Ministry. This is on July 10th, 2021.
10 This is at 1600 Morris Road, S.E. The License
11 Number is 118766.

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

14 MEMBER GRANDIS: I second.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis has
16 seconded the motion. We will now have the Roll
17 Call vote on the motion that has been properly
18 seconded by Mr. Grandis.

19 Mr. Short?

20 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

22 MR. 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. Grandis?

4 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I
5 agree.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I, Mr. Anderson,
7 I agree. The matter passes six, zero, zero.

8 And that is the end of our two agenda
9 items that we have for today. And if there's no
10 further business I will now close our meeting
11 formally.

12 As Chairperson of the Alcohol Beverage
13 Control Board for the District of Columbia in
14 accordance with Title 3, Chapter 405, Office of
15 Government I move that the ABC Board hold a
16 closed meeting on July 15th, 2021, for the purpose
17 of discussing any reports concerning ongoing or
18 planned investigation of alleged criminal or
19 misconduct or a violation of all regulations and
20 to seek legal advice from our counsel on the
21 Board's Investigative Agenda, Legal Agenda,
22 Licensing Agenda for July 15th, 2021, as published
23 in the D.C. Register on July 9th, 2021. Is there
24 a second?

25 MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett seconds.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has
2 seconded the motion. I will now take a Roll Call
3 vote on the motion now that it has been properly
4 seconded.

5 Mr. Short?

6 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

8 MR. CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

10 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I
11 agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Hansen?

13 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

15 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I
16 agree.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson, I
18 agree. The motion has passed six, zero, zero.

19 I hereby give notice that the ABC
20 Board will hold the aforementioned closed meeting
21 pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. Notice will
22 also be posted on the ABC Board Hearing Room
23 bulletin board, placed on the electronic calendar
24 and ABRA website and published in the D.C.
25 Register in a timely manner as practical.

1 We are now finished for the day. I
2 would like to thank the Board Members for their
3 participation in this meeting today and I now
4 direct all Board Members to return to Executive
5 Session for further developments.

6 Thank you very much. Have a great
7 day.

8 (Whereupon, the above proceeding was
9 concluded at 10:10 a.m.)

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