

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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LEGAL AGENDA                :  
LICENSING AGENDA           :  
BOARD TEMPORARY LICENSE   :  
AND ONE DAY SUBSTANTIAL   :  
CHANGE DOCKET              :  
LICENSING ADMINISTRATIVE   :  
DOCKET                       :  
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Wednesday  
July 26, 2023

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

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson  
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member  
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, 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 11:08 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let us now do  
4 our legal agenda.

5 The first matter on our legal agenda  
6 is the Review of an Offer in Compromise in Lieu  
7 of Hearing dated July 27th, 2023 for Case No. 22-  
8 251-00013 and Case No. 22-251-00013(a), the Good  
9 Guys Restaurant, License No. 000899. The Offer  
10 in Compromise is as follows: Charge 1, allowed  
11 the establishment to be used for unlawful  
12 purpose, DC Code Section 2582382. There's a fine  
13 of \$1000 paid within 30 days or its license shall  
14 be suspended indefinitely until the fine has been  
15 paid; Charge 2, failed to follow security plan,  
16 DC Code Section 2582386. This charge has been  
17 dismissed. I therefore make a motion that the  
18 Offer in Compromise be accepted. Is there a  
19 second?

20 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, second.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato.

22 Let's do the roll call vote.

23 Mr. Short?

24 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

1 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

3 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I  
4 agree.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.  
6 Anderson, I agree. The matter passes 4-0-0.

7 Number two, Review of a Settlement  
8 Agreement dated June 28th, 2023 by and between  
9 Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1E and St.  
10 Vincent Wine, License No. 114428.

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

13 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
15 seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll call  
16 vote.

17 Mr. Short?

18 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

20 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

22 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I  
23 agree.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.  
25 Anderson, I agree. The matter passes 4-0-0.

1                   Number 3, Review of a Settlement  
2 Agreement dated July 19th, 2023 by and between  
3 Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E and  
4 Bozzelli's Italian Deli, License No. 118868.

5                   I make a motion that we approve this  
6 agreement. Is there a second?

7                   MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, second.

8                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato has  
9 seconded the motion. We'll have a roll call  
10 vote.

11                   Mr. Short?

12                   MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

13                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Cato?

14                   MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.

15                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

16                   Mr. Grandis, you need to turn your  
17 volume up, I can't hear you. I'm not able to  
18 hear you.

19                   But Mr. Grandis has voted yes, and Mr.  
20 Anderson has voted yes. The matter passes 4-0-0.

21                   Number 4, Review of a Settlement  
22 Agreement dated July 23rd, 2023 by and between  
23 Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B and Krave  
24 Restaurant and Lounge, License No. 124428.

25                   I make a motion that we approve this

1 request. Is there a second?

2 MEMBER GRANDIS: I second.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I cannot hear  
4 you.

5 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, second.

6 MEMBER GRANDIS: I'm set at 80.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, now I can  
8 hear you Mr. Grandis.

9 MEMBER GRANDIS: Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis and  
11 Mr. Cato have seconded the motion. We'll now  
12 have a roll call vote.

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: Mr. Grandis?

18 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I  
19 agree.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson,  
21 I agree. The matter passes 4-0-0.

22 Number 5, Review of a Settlement  
23 Agreement dated July 12th, 2023 by and between  
24 Advisory Commission 6B and Extreme Pizza, License  
25 No. 121794.

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

3 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis will  
4 second.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis  
6 will second the motion. We'll now have a roll  
7 call vote.

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: Mr. Grandis?

13 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I  
14 agree.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson,  
16 I agree. The matter passes 4-0-0.

17 Number 6, Review of a Settlement  
18 Agreement dated July 15th, 2023 by and between  
19 Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B and Los  
20 Caballeros, License No. 125201.

21 I make a motion that we approve this  
22 agreement. Is there a second?

23 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, second.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato has  
25 seconded the motion. We'll have a roll call

1 vote.

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: Mr. Grandis?

7 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I  
8 agree.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson,  
10 I agree. The matter passes 4-0-0.

11 Number 7, Review of a Settlement  
12 Agreement dated July 12th, 2023 by and between  
13 Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B and Wendim  
14 Veni, Incorporated, trade name TBD, License No.  
15 125907.

16 I make a motion that we approve this  
17 request. Is there a second?

18 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, second.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
20 seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll call  
21 vote.

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: Mr. Grandis?

2 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I  
3 agree.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson,  
5 I agree. The matter passes 4-0-0.

6 Number 8, Review of a Settlement  
7 Agreement dated July 25th, 2023 by and between  
8 Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G and Ambar,  
9 License No. 100804.

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

12 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, second.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato has  
14 seconded. We'll now have a roll call 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: Mr. Grandis?

20 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I  
21 agree.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson,  
23 I agree. The motion passes 4-0-0.

24 Number 9, Review of the Kalorama  
25 Citizens Association Resolution relaxing certain



1 Settlement Agreement provisions for Licensees in  
2 Adams Morgan during the World Cup.

3 We now move to our licensing agenda.

4 The first matter on our licensing  
5 agenda, Review Application to Change the Hours of  
6 Entertainment Endorsement, this is for Addis  
7 Paris Cafe, License No. 110083.

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'll now have a roll call  
13 vote.

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: Mr. Grandis?

19 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I  
20 agree.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson,  
22 I agree. The matter passes 4-0-0.

23 Number 2, Review a Request for  
24 Approval to provide a gift of CitiOpen Tournament  
25 Tickets that does not exceed \$500 in value to

1 various licensed retail establishments, Breakthru  
2 Beverage, License No. 124554.

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

5 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis will  
6 second.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis has  
8 seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll call  
9 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: Mr. Grandis?

15 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I  
16 agree.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson,  
18 I agree. The matter passes 4-0-0.

19 We now move to the Board's temporary  
20 licensing and one-day substantial change docket.

21 On this docket there are 16  
22 applicants. I will read the name of the  
23 applicants, the type of license that they are  
24 requesting, the name of the event, the date, the  
25 license number and the attendees. At the end of

1 the list I will make a motion that the ABC Board  
2 approve the granting of these licenses.

3 The first one is from Sean Banks for  
4 a one-day license Class F, the AUDL Frisbee  
5 Tournament, this is on July 29th. The license  
6 number is 125484, 1000 attendees, 26 security  
7 guards.

8 Number 2, a request from Hyunsook Cho,  
9 H-Y-U-N-S-O-O-K, the last name Cho, C-H-O. This  
10 is for a one-day license Class F. This is the  
11 70th Year Korean War Armistice Reception. This  
12 is on July 26th. The license number is 125486,  
13 200 attendees, 14 security guards.

14 Number 3, a request from Farah Fosse  
15 for a one-day license Class F, Celebration and  
16 Fundraiser July 29th. License number is 125504,  
17 100 attendees and 2 security guards.

18 Number 4, a request from Vrishrank  
19 Subramani, the first name is spelled V-R-I-S-H-R-  
20 A-N-K, the last name is S-U-B-R-A-M-A-N-I for a  
21 one-day license Class F. It's an Engagement  
22 Party on August 19th, the license number is  
23 125508, 25 attendees, 2 security guards.

24 Number 5, a request from Lucy Wilson,  
25 a one-day license Class F, Reception. This is on

1 September 23rd, the license number is 125544, 50  
2 attendees, 1 security guard.

3 Number 6, a request from Lana Mahmoud,  
4 a one-day license Class F, Concert Live Music  
5 Performance, August 3rd. The license number is  
6 125537, 350 attendees and 6 security guards.

7 Number 7, a request from Lana Mahmoud  
8 a one-day license Class F, Concert Live Music  
9 Performance, August 10th. The license number is  
10 125538, 350 attendees, 6 security guards.

11 Number 8, another request from Lana  
12 Mahmoud, a one-day license Class F, Concert Live  
13 Music Performance, August 13th. The license  
14 number is 125539, 350 attendees, six security  
15 guards.

16 Number 9, another request from Lana  
17 Mahmoud, a one-day license Class F, Concert Live  
18 Music Performance. This is August 17th, the  
19 license number is 125540, 350 attendees 6  
20 security guards.

21 Number 10, another request from Lana  
22 Mahmoud, a one-day license Class F, Concert Live  
23 Music Performance. This is August 20th. The  
24 license number is 125541, 350 attendees 6  
25 security guards.

1                   Number 11, another request from Lana  
2 Mahmoud, a one-day license Class F, Concert Live  
3 Music Performance, August 24th through August  
4 25th. The license number is 125542, 350  
5 attendees 6 security guards.

6                   Number 12, a request from Robert  
7 Skaats, S-K-A-A-T-S, a one-day license Class G.  
8 This is for a PR Showcase Event, this is  
9 September 1st through September 4th, license  
10 number is 125475, 100 attendees 3 security  
11 guards.

12                   Number 13, a request from Kelly  
13 Mahoney, a one-day license Class G for the  
14 Suicide Prevention Pep Rally. This is July 26th,  
15 the license number is 125488, 50 attendees 1  
16 security guard.

17                   Number 14, a request from Eyob  
18 Tsefazghi, E-Y-O-B is the first name, T-S-E-F-A-  
19 Z-G-H-I. This is for a one-day license Class G,  
20 Boxing Tournament. This is July 29th. The  
21 license number is 125529, 100 attendees 3  
22 security guards.

23                   Number 15, a request from Pendry  
24 Washington DC, The Wharf, a One Day Substantial  
25 Change. This is for the family friendly live

1 music event hosted by The Wharf. The nature is  
2 to use the license off premises at The Grove  
3 located in between Wharf and Water Street SW.  
4 This is on August 11th, the license number is  
5 121347. The substantial change license is 23-SC-  
6 00957.

7 And number 16 is a request from  
8 Boundary Stone Public House for a one-day  
9 substantial change, this is for the Women's World  
10 Cup 2023. The nature of the substantial change,  
11 to extend hours of sales and service for Women's  
12 World Cup 2023, this is on August 1st. The  
13 license number is 083980, substantial change  
14 license is 23-SC-00958+9.

15 I make a motion that the ABC Board  
16 grants these licenses. Is there a second?

17 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
19 seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll call  
20 vote.

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: Mr. Grandis?

1 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I  
2 agree.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.  
4 Anderson, I agree. The matter passes 4-0-0.

5 So the last item on the agenda is the  
6 Licensing Administrative Docket. There are 11  
7 applicants on the Licensing Administrative  
8 Docket; I will read all 11 applicants, the type  
9 of class change that they're requesting, the  
10 license number and then I'll make a motion at the  
11 end of the list for the board to approve these  
12 applications.

13 The first applicant is Kellan, K-E-L-  
14 L-A-N, the last name is Bethke, B-E-T-H-K-E.  
15 This is for Personal Importation Permit  
16 Application. The application number is 23-IMP-  
17 0016. Number 2, Big Bear Cafe, license number  
18 084379, Retailer C Restaurant, corporate name  
19 change. The new name is Big Bear DC, LLC.

20 Number 3, Intercontinental Washington  
21 DC The Wharf, Moon Rabbit, License No. 114491,  
22 Retailer C Hotel, trade name change application.  
23 The new trade name is Dockside Restaurant &  
24 Bar/The Watering Hole/Waves.

25 Number 4, Bar Crawl Nation, License

1 No. 114535, pub crawl license application.

2 Number 5, G.O.A.T. Room, License No.  
3 123802, Retailer C Restaurant, new ABC license  
4 application.

5 Number 6, Mac Market & Deli, License  
6 No. 125344, Retailer A Liquor Store, transfer  
7 with sale application.

8 Number 7, Cashion's Rendezvous,  
9 License No. 124276, Retailer C Restaurant, new  
10 ABC license application.

11 Number 8, The Chosen Chef Catering &  
12 Events, License No. 125433, caterer's license,  
13 new ABC license application.

14 Number 9, Big Bear Events, License No.  
15 125370, caterer's license, new ABC license  
16 application.

17 Number 10, Over The Counter, License  
18 No. 124156, Retailer C Restaurant, new ABC  
19 license application.

20 Number 11, Buffalo & Bergen, License  
21 No. 124816, Retailer C Tavern, new ABC license  
22 application.

23 I'll make a motion that ABC Board  
24 grants these applications.

25 Is there a second?



1 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis will  
2 second.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis  
4 will second the motion. We'll have a roll call  
5 vote.

6 Mr. Short?

7 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

9 Mr. Cato?

10 Mr. Grandis?

11 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I  
12 agree.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

14 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.  
16 Anderson, I agree. The matter passes 4-0-0.

17 We're at the end of our morning  
18 calendar and we're also at the end of our morning  
19 agenda.

20 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Chairman?

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Short?

22 MEMBER SHORT: Thank you very much.

23 I just had a question about the last pool we  
24 made, but I can wait until we go into a regular  
25 session.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so  
2 we're at the end of our calendar and our agenda.  
3 So the board will now be in recess until our  
4 afternoon calendar which is at 1:30.

5 So the Board will come back to a  
6 public calendar at 1:30 and I'll ask all the  
7 Board members to return to a session before the  
8 action.

9 Have a great morning, thank you.

10 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
11 went off the record at 11:26 a.m.)  
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