

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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 MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF:	:	
	:	Public
MPD REIMBURSABLE	:	Hearing
DETAIL RULEMAKING	:	

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Wednesday  
 August 11, 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 10:41 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning  
4 everyone. As Chairperson of the Alcoholic  
5 Beverage Control Board for the District of  
6 Columbia, and in accordance with D.C. Official  
7 Code Section 2-576 of the Open Meetings Act, I am  
8 welcoming you to the regular scheduled meeting of  
9 the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

10 This meeting has been conducted  
11 pursuant to guidance made available by the  
12 District of Columbia's Office of Open Government  
13 regarding electronic meetings held by public  
14 bodies during the public 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.

19 The notice included the time, date and  
20 (technical difficulties.) --

21 MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Chair, we can't hear  
22 you.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- please  
24 address any questions or complaints to the OOG at  
25 [opengovoffice@dc.gov](mailto: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 2021-096.

6                   Please respond when I announce your  
7 name. 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  
17 Hansen?

18                  MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, present.

19                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Edward  
20 Grandis?

21                  MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis,  
22 present.

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

1                   Before we get underway with today's  
2 hearing calendar I need to make a few  
3 instructions very clear so that the conduct of  
4 this hearing is understood by everyone. There is  
5 actually one hearing that we have, we have a  
6 public hearing this morning.

7                   Once your case is called, we will take  
8 a moment for our IT Specialist to elevate the  
9 rights for each party, to enable their camera and  
10 microphone. Then, and only then, will you have  
11 the ability to enable your equipment.

12                   If your case is not being heard, you  
13 will remain mute and your camera will be  
14 disabled.

15                   At the conclusion of each case, the  
16 party will have the option to leave. If the  
17 party chooses to stay all cameras and microphones  
18 for the concluded case will be disabled.

19                   Should you have any questions or  
20 require technical assistance during the hearing,  
21 please submit them using the questions, the  
22 feature or email [simone.andrews2@dc.gov](mailto:simone.andrews2@dc.gov).

23                   All right, our first order of business  
24 today, it is a public hearing on the MPD  
25 reimbursable detail rulemaking. Ms. Andrews, can

1 you please look to see, look to see if there is  
2 anyone online this morning who wants to  
3 participate in this public hearing?

4 MS. ANDREWS: Sure. Standby. Any  
5 party that wants to participate in this hearing,  
6 please acknowledge yourself in the chat so that I  
7 may elevate your rights. So far no one has  
8 acknowledged themselves, Mr. Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,  
10 thank you, Ms. Andrews. This hearing was  
11 scheduled for 10:30 this morning, it is now 10:45  
12 and there are no members of the public  
13 identifying themselves to hear, to be heard at  
14 this public hearing today.

15 But I'll just read this statement and  
16 I will check again at the end of my statement.  
17 Good morning. We're here today to conduct a  
18 public hearing and take comment on a proposed  
19 rulemaking that modifies Section 718 of Title 23  
20 of the DCMR regarding the MPD Reimbursable Detail  
21 Subsidy Program.

22 Specifically, this is a Metropolitan  
23 Police Department Reimbursable Detail Subsidy  
24 Program hours of eligibility, notice of forced  
25 emergency and proposed rulemaking. Which the

1 Board approved on June 16th, 2021. It was  
2 published in the District of Columbia minutes for  
3 regulations at 68 DCR 7062, July 16th, 2021.

4 The emergency and proposed rulemaking  
5 amends 23 DCMR 718 by, number one, restoring the  
6 hours of eligibility for obtaining reimbursement  
7 for RDO services to the pre-COVID-19 pandemic  
8 hours of 11:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Saturday, Sunday  
9 through Saturday.

10 Number two, restoring the hours of  
11 eligibility for obtaining reimbursement for RDO  
12 services for temporary license holders or those  
13 approved for a one-day substantial change permit  
14 to the pre-COVID-19 pandemic hours of 24 hours a  
15 day.

16 And three, including the D.C. main  
17 streets to the list of entities eligible for  
18 participation in the RDO subsidy program and thus  
19 allowing reimbursement in accordance with 23 DCMR  
20 Section 718.

21 We did not hear from witnesses in  
22 advance of the hearing regarding the desire to  
23 address the Board. However, if anyone is present  
24 today and wishes to speak to those proposed  
25 rules, please make yourself available. Please

1 make yourself known.

2           Additionally, interested parties are  
3 permitted to submit written comments for the  
4 Board's consideration by no later than 4:00 p.m.  
5 on Friday, August 20th, 2021. The public is  
6 invited to send written comments to  
7 abra.legal@dc.gov.

8           And, Ms. Andrews, can you also look  
9 again to see if there is any member of the public  
10 who invites themself to testify today, please?

11           MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Chair, there is no  
12 one that has acknowledged themselves for this  
13 case.

14           CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, thank you  
15 very much, Ms. Andrews. Again, I just want to  
16 remind the public that you have until close of  
17 business on Friday, August 20th, 2021, I'm sorry,  
18 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 20th, 2021 to submit  
19 public comments. And the comments can be sent to  
20 abra.legal@dc.gov.

21           I would just like to thank members of  
22 the public who are, although they are not  
23 participating in this hearing, who are listening  
24 to this hearing today for their participation.

25           And so will now bring this hearing to

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a close. Thank you very much.  
(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
went off the record at 10:48 a.m.)



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