

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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Stephen Lawrence, :
t/a 600 T :
600 T Street NW :
Retailer CT - ANC 2G :
License #100515 :
Case #23-PRO-00042 :
:
(Application to Renew :
the License) :
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Wednesday
September 27, 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
JENI HANSEN, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

- ALEX CHEN, Witness
JEFF JACKSON, Licensee's Counsel
CRAIG KUJAWA, Protestant
STEPHEN LAWRENCE, Licensee
JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff
MARK RUIZ, DC ABCA Investigator

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

2 2:26 p.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, the next  
4 case in our calendar is Case No. 23-PRO-00042,  
5 600 T, License No. 100515.

6 Good morning, Mr. Orellana. Can you  
7 please elevate the rights of the Licensee, the  
8 Protestant, and the Licensee's witness, and  
9 Protestant and his or her witnesses, and the  
10 investigator, please.

11 MR. ORELLANA: Good afternoon. Jeff  
12 Jackson, your access has been elevated. Craig  
13 Kujawa, your access has been elevated. Call-in  
14 User Four, your access has been elevated. Alex  
15 Chen, your access has been elevated. And  
16 Investigator Mark Ruiz, your access has been  
17 elevated. That is all, Chairman.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. All  
19 right, good afternoon, everyone. This is a  
20 protest hearing on 600 T, and so I'm going to  
21 have all the parties identify themselves for the  
22 record. Mr. Jackson, can you please spell and  
23 state your name for the record, please?

24 MR. JACKSON: Yes, good afternoon,  
25 Commissioner. Jeff Jackson, J-E-F-F, last name

1 Jackson, J-A-C-K-S-O-N.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who's your  
3 client, Mr. Jackson?

4 MR. JACKSON: Stephen Lawrence.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Where's Mr.  
6 Lawrence?

7 MR. JACKSON: He said that he was on.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is Mr. Lawrence  
9 on the -- is he on or is he the call-in, the  
10 person on the telephone? Which one is he?

11 MR. JACKSON: He may be the person on  
12 the telephone, he said he was calling in.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lawrence,  
14 is there some reason why you're unable to appear  
15 on video today, sir?

16 MR. LAWRENCE: I did not have the app  
17 for WebEx. I did the call-in option.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, sir, this  
19 is a -- we're doing a -- all right, sir, can you  
20 spell and state your name for the record?

21 MR. LAWRENCE: Yeah, it's Stephen  
22 Lawrence, S-T-E-P-H-E-N, Lawrence, L-A-W-R-E-N-C-  
23 E.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, sir, I  
25 prefer when, especially if I'm doing a protest

1 hearing, that the parties appear, I can see them  
2 on video so I know who I'm talking to. We have  
3 been protest hearings, this is three years now  
4 that we've been doing virtual hearings and I'm  
5 not happy with that response, sir. I'm not going  
6 to hold it against you, but I would prefer when I  
7 have these hearings, especially in a protest  
8 hearing, that I'm looking at the folks who are  
9 about to testify.

10 All right. Mr. Kujawa, can you please  
11 spell and state your name for the record?

12 MR. KUJAWA: Yes, Mr. Chairman. My  
13 name is Craig Kujawa, and that is spelled C-R-A-  
14 I-G, K-U-J-A-W-A.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,  
16 thank you. Mr. Ruiz, can you please spell and  
17 state your name for the record?

18 INVESTIGATOR RUIZ: Yes, my name is  
19 ABCA Investigator Mark Ruiz, M-A-R-K, R-U-I-Z.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And before I  
21 ask Mr. Chen to identify himself, who is Mr.  
22 Chen? Can someone tell me, who is Mr. Chen?  
23 Hold on, Mr. Chen. Is he a witness for the  
24 applicant, for the Licensee, or is he a witness  
25 from the Protestant?

1 MR. KUJAWA: Mr. Chairman, he's a  
2 witness for the Protestant.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So,  
4 can you have him -- okay, so Mr. Kujawa, can you  
5 have -- Mr. Chen, all right, can you please spell  
6 and state your name for the record?

7 MR. CHEN: Alex, A-L-E-X, C-H-E-N.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
9 This is a protest for the renewal of this  
10 license. Are there any preliminary matters  
11 before we start? And then I'm going to ask some  
12 questions. Are there any preliminary matters on  
13 your part, Mr. Jackson?

14 MR. JACKSON: Yes, there is,  
15 Commissioner. I was considered -- I was given  
16 this protest about, maybe five days ago, and I  
17 was going to ask the Board if they would consider  
18 dismissing the protest. Because the protest, I  
19 believe, was filed in error. The renewal  
20 application only states that they're renewing the  
21 application to contain the hours of operation for  
22 the inside, and entertainment endorsement. But  
23 the protest is concerning an endorsement that's  
24 not part of the renewal application, which is the  
25 summer garden.

1                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So,  
2 you're saying -- so, Mr. Jackson, you are saying  
3 this is a renewal for -- this is an application  
4 for a renewal of the license, is that correct?

5                   MR. JACKSON: That's correct, sir. In  
6 the renewal application, if you see that it only  
7 contains the hours of operation and the  
8 entertainment endorsement that's on the renewal  
9 application. Now, granted they did apply for  
10 summer garden, and they were placarded for that  
11 sometime ago, and it was approved, they were just  
12 never issued the summer garden.

13                   And the issues that's in the protest  
14 was also brought up during a complaint that was  
15 filed against the applicant, and that case was  
16 adjudicated and the applicant paid a fine in  
17 reference to that matter. So, this appeared to  
18 be like double jeopardy, where they filing out of  
19 protest against the summer garden. And the  
20 renewal doesn't have anything to do with the  
21 summer garden.

22                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Kujawa, go  
23 ahead, sir. Yeah, I'm asking, what's the basis  
24 of your protest, sir?

25                   MR. KUJAWA: Mr. Jackson is correct.

1 The establishment has been placarded a few times  
2 over the course of the last year, and none of  
3 those placards contained the summer garden  
4 endorsement. However, according to Mr. Ruiz's  
5 protest investigation, the applicant believes  
6 that he is approved for a summer garden  
7 endorsement based on a placard from over three  
8 years ago and an application that was never  
9 completed. And this is my opportunity to argue  
10 before the Board that any such approval from over  
11 three years ago, if in fact it did occur, is no  
12 longer effective. And any endorsement for a  
13 summer garden, at this point in time, must be  
14 subject to another application for a substantial  
15 change to the license.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.  
17 Jackson, is it your client's intent to move  
18 forward with a summer garden endorsement?

19 MR. JACKSON: Sir, if you look at  
20 Exhibit No. 1 that I have presented, he's been  
21 placarded for a summer garden. And also, my  
22 Exhibit No. 2 shows that he's been approved for  
23 the summer garden. But it was pending the  
24 issuance of an updated certificate of occupancy  
25 to show that the summer garden is attached to

1 that so he can use it.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
3 But, on the renewal application, there is no  
4 summer garden, is that correct?

5 MR. JACKSON: That's correct. Is not  
6 part of the license at this present time.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Mr.  
8 Kujawa, anything else that you want to say?

9 MR. KUJAWA: Yes, please, Mr.  
10 Chairman. First, I have no knowledge of Mr.  
11 Jackson's Exhibits No. 1 or No 2. And I wish to  
12 move that they be excluded from the record, since  
13 they were not disclosed at all, not least seven  
14 days before the protest hearing. And I received  
15 no protest information form or knowledge of any  
16 of his witnesses.

17 Secondly, I just want to state that my  
18 understanding of the regulations is that the  
19 Board's discretion to issue a license, or in this  
20 case an endorsement in the absence of the  
21 certificate of occupancy, is limited. And that  
22 authority does not limit that approval to exist  
23 beyond the end of the licensure period during  
24 which the application was submitted. Which, in  
25 this case, for a class CT license, was a year ago



1 this coming Saturday, September 30, 2022.

2 So, I understand that Mr. Jackson may  
3 have approval, that there was a summer garden  
4 endorsement. But if it was on the basis of an  
5 incomplete application, the DCMR Title 23  
6 regulations also say that the Board shall not act  
7 upon any application which is incomplete. And  
8 this application was not only incomplete at the  
9 time, in 2022, it remains incomplete to this day,  
10 beyond the end of the licensure period. Indeed,  
11 more than a year beyond the end of the licensure  
12 period. And it's in the public's interest that  
13 this application for a summer garden endorsement  
14 be placarded again.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
16 We're talking about apples and oranges, sir.  
17 This is a protest hearing on the renewal of his  
18 license, this is not a protest hearing on a  
19 summer garden. Currently, there's no summer  
20 garden -- all right, we can only have a protest  
21 hearing on the placard notice.

22 The placard notice, which I need to  
23 look at, it's my understanding -- and I will get  
24 some clarification -- that there is no summer  
25 garden endorsement on the placard notice. If

1 there's no summer garden endorsement on the  
2 placard notice, we cannot have a hearing on a  
3 summer garden. So, we wouldn't have jurisdiction  
4 to have a hearing on an endorsement that was not  
5 placarded. So --

6 MR. KUJAWA: I understand that, Mr.  
7 Chairman, and I was totally prepared for that  
8 outcome today. But I wanted to take this  
9 opportunity --

10 (Simultaneous speaking.)

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm not issuing  
12 a decision yet, we're just having a conversation.  
13 I'm going to -- in order to issue a decision,  
14 there are a couple that I'm going to do, I'm  
15 going to take some additional testimony and then  
16 I'm going to go off-record to go have a -- to  
17 speak to our legal office and come back before  
18 making a different decision.

19 Right now, I'm just talking aloud by  
20 asking questions to make sure that I know where  
21 we are, so when the Board goes into executive  
22 session to discuss this, and if we're going to  
23 come up with a recommendation, that I have enough  
24 information to make this decision. Whatever  
25 decision we're going to -- whether or not we're

1 going to move forward with this hearing, whether  
2 or not the Board has jurisdiction to actually  
3 have this hearing today. And that's the core  
4 issue that we're going to decide.

5 And so, what I'm hearing now is that  
6 you're protesting a summer garden endorsement and  
7 that there's no summer garden endorsement on the  
8 placarding notice. If there's not a summer  
9 garden endorsement, if when we placard the  
10 renewal of this license if there was no mention  
11 of a summer garden, then we cannot have a protest  
12 hearing today on a summer garden. I mean, that's  
13 what I'm thinking aloud as we move forward. So,  
14 I just want to make sure that these issues are  
15 clear in my mind before we go further

16 And I guess I need to ask a question,  
17 Mr. Jackson, has your client gotten a certificate  
18 of occupancy for the summer garden?

19 MR. JACKSON: Not at this time. I  
20 produced in my exhibits that he applied for one,  
21 he's permitted for one, and in the process of  
22 getting the amended certificate of occupancy to  
23 include the summer garden.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, that's what  
25 I'm saying. I'm saying, he doesn't have a

1 certificate of occupancy currently, is that --  
2 that's what I was --

3 (Simultaneous speaking.)

4 MR. JACKSON: No, sir.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Any  
6 --

7 (Simultaneous speaking.)

8 MR. JACKSON: And the licensing  
9 specialist, that's what he was waiting on. And  
10 in my document, in my exhibits, he states that  
11 he's waiting on the -- that's Exhibit No. 2 --  
12 that the summer garden has been approved and that  
13 he's waiting on the amended certificate of  
14 occupancy to issue the summer garden license.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,  
16 before the Board goes into executive session,  
17 anything else you want to say, Mr. Kujawa?

18 MR. KUJAWA: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. I  
19 just want to reiterate that, despite the approval  
20 that may have occurred years ago, in the three  
21 years that have elapsed without this certificate  
22 of occupancy promised having been produced, we're  
23 beyond the end of that licensure period. And it  
24 stands to reason, it's only logical that that  
25 application, having been approved three years

1 ago, is no longer effective.

2 Because, if it had been approved in a  
3 timely manner, if the Applicant had produced the  
4 certificate of occupancy, if he had submitted a  
5 completed application, then that summer garden  
6 endorsement would be reflected on the placards  
7 for this renewal.

8 The public should not be penalized  
9 because it took him three years to get a  
10 certificate of occupancy to complete his  
11 application. They would've been placarded again  
12 for that summer garden endorsement that the Board  
13 was at risk of giving him in error, based on an  
14 incomplete application from three years ago. And  
15 that it deprives the public of the right to  
16 protest the summer garden for this, what would be  
17 this licensure period.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.  
19 Kujawa, there is no endorsement on his license.  
20 Because there's no endorsement on his license,  
21 the Applicant cannot legally operate a summer  
22 garden, period. There is no issue with the  
23 public being prohibited from -- so, the public is  
24 not harmed because there is no summer garden  
25 endorsement on the application. So, I just want

1 to --

2 MR. JACKSON: I understand --

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I just want to  
4 correct the record when you're saying the  
5 public's in -- there is no summer garden  
6 endorsement on his application. Because there's  
7 no summer garden endorsement on his current  
8 license, currently this Licensee cannot operate a  
9 some garden. If this Licensee operates a summer  
10 garden, the members of the public can contact  
11 ABCA. An ABCA investigator will go to the  
12 establishment and if there is an operational  
13 summer garden then the investigator will issue an  
14 infraction.

15 (Simultaneous speaking.)

16 MR. JACKSON: I understand, Mr.  
17 Chairman. And that actually has happened. --

18 (Simultaneous speaking.)

19 MR. JACKSON: I was seeking this  
20 opportunity before the Board -- I understand you  
21 may not have jurisdiction in this protest matter  
22 -- but I was seeking clarity from the Board on  
23 what Mr. Jackson proffers is an impending and  
24 imminent summer garden endorsement based on a  
25 application from three years ago.

1                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That is a  
2 different issue that has to be addressed  
3 separately. So, therefore, off the top of my  
4 head I can say to you that, how long the Licensee  
5 has to provide additional documentation to us  
6 that we might have approved an endorsement, but  
7 then the license will not be issued until we have  
8 had a certificate of occupancy. And I'm not  
9 quite sure the period of time a licensee has to  
10 give us that type of information but, until the  
11 Board has issued a license with that endorsement,  
12 a licensee cannot operate with that endorsement  
13 without it being officially on their license,  
14 okay? So, I just want to correct the record on  
15 that part.

16                   But, your larger issue, I need to  
17 consult with legal and get back to you, and let  
18 you know what we're going to do today regarding  
19 this hearing, okay? So, with that said, what I  
20 need to do, I'm going to -- as Chairperson of the  
21 Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board for the  
22 District of Columbia, in accordance with DC  
23 Official Code Section 2575 of the Open Meetings  
24 Act, I move that ABC Board hold a closed meeting  
25 for the purpose of seeking legal advice from our

1 Counsel on Case No. 23-PRO-00042, 600 T, pursuant  
2 to DC Official Code Section 2575b(4)(a) of the  
3 Open Meetings Act and deliberate upon Case No.  
4 23-PRO-00042, 600 T Street, for the reason cited  
5 in DC Official Code Section 2575b(13) of the Open  
6 Meetings Act. Is there a second?

7 Mr. Short has second the motion, we'll  
8 now have a roll call vote. 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. Hansen?

13 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen --

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

15 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I  
16 agree.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.  
18 Anderson, I agree. As it appears that the motion  
19 has passed, I hereby give notice that ABC Board  
20 will recess its proceedings to hold a close  
21 meeting, pursuant to Section 2575 of the Open  
22 Meetings Act.

23 All right, the Board is going to log  
24 off and go into executive session, so I'll ask  
25 all Board members to log off and go into



1 executive session. We will return, you can turn  
2 your cameras off but please do not log off. The  
3 Board will return once we have consulted with  
4 Legal. All right.

5 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
6 went off the record at 2:47 p.m. and resumed at  
7 3:00 p.m.)

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,  
9 we're back on the record.

10 This matter this afternoon is a  
11 protest hearing. The purpose of the protest is  
12 that it's an illegal use of a summer garden.  
13 This Licensee does not have a summer garden  
14 endorsement on his license. And so, because he  
15 does not have a summer garden endorsement on his  
16 license, the Board cannot have a protest hearing  
17 on a summer garden, because this is a renewal  
18 application.

19 There is nothing, in reviewing the  
20 report, the case report, and what I'm hearing  
21 today, that the Protestant was protesting  
22 anything but a summer garden endorsement, which  
23 is not on this license. So therefore, with that  
24 said, am I correct or is there something else I'm  
25 missing, Mr. Kujawa, as far as your protest is

1 concerned? And I'm going to address the other  
2 issues you made, sir.

3 MR. KUJAWA: That is correct, Mr.  
4 Chairman.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, with that  
6 said, I am going to make a motion to dismiss the  
7 protest. And the reason why I'm specifically  
8 dismissing the protest is because a protest was  
9 raised on a summer garden endorsement, which is  
10 not currently on the license and there is no --  
11 that was not placarded. Is there a second?

12 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
14 second the motion, I'm going to have a roll call  
15 vote. 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. Hansen?

20 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, 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 five-zero-

1 zero.

2 All right. So, we have dismissed the  
3 protest because the protest was raised on an  
4 issue that was not placarded, and on an issue  
5 that was not -- the endorsement, that's not on  
6 his license.

7 Now, to address the issue at hand.  
8 There is no summer garden endorsement on this  
9 license. I'm going to make a second motion that  
10 this Licensee -- that the Board will issue a  
11 cease and desist order to prevent this Licensee  
12 from utilizing a summer garden, unless an  
13 endorsement for a summer garden is issued on his  
14 license. Is there a second?

15 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato seconds.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato has  
17 second the motion, we'll now have a roll call  
18 vote. Mr. Short?

19 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

21 MEMBER CATO: Yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

23 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

25 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I

1 agree.

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

5 Mr. Jackson, the Board will be issuing  
6 a cease and desist order to inform your client  
7 that your client -- and Mr. Lawrence is there --  
8 you cannot utilize the summer garden unless you  
9 have an endorsement from ABCA. And because  
10 there's no endorsement from ABCA, the summer  
11 garden in this premises cannot be utilized. Is  
12 there any question by anyone?

13 MR. JACKSON: No, sir, and I totally  
14 agree with you. And my client is aware of that  
15 and he has ceased using the summer garden. And  
16 he was fined for using the summer garden, and  
17 that was adjudicated.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Kujawa?

19 MR. KUJAWA: My only question, Mr.  
20 Chairman, is whether the Board considered  
21 resolving the status of the prior 2020  
22 application for a summer garden endorsement, and  
23 its status and prospective status?

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's not an  
25 issue the Board can -- this is not an issue

1 before us currently, however that is an  
2 administrative matter that has to be addressed.  
3 And so, I'm not aware how long ago the Board has  
4 issued -- I'm sorry, the Agency -- has issued,  
5 has approved the endorsement. But, because a  
6 certificate of occupancy has not been provided,  
7 the Board has not issued the license approving  
8 the endorsement. The Agency, however, through  
9 the Board, if we need to rescind the approval  
10 based on the fact that it's taken the Licensee a  
11 number of years to provide us with sufficient,  
12 with the necessary documents for us issue the  
13 endorsement, the Board will look at that.

14 So, I will have the Agency provide the  
15 Board with information regarding the status of  
16 this application, and then the Board will make  
17 whatever appropriate determination can be made.  
18 Whether or not we will rescind the approval of  
19 the endorsement, since it -- based on the failure  
20 of the Licensee, within whatever specific period  
21 of time, to provide us with a certificate of  
22 occupancy so therefore we can issue that  
23 endorsement.

24 MR. KUJAWA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,  
25 I understand. Would you recommend that I request

1 an advisory opinion on that matter in order to  
2 provide some legal arguments and citations, or  
3 just an email to the General Counsel?

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That is not  
5 necessary, sir. The Board and the Agency is  
6 aware of the issue, and the Board will instruct  
7 the Agency to make recommendation to us what the  
8 next step is.

9 As a member of the public, if the  
10 summer garden is in operation you are welcome to  
11 file a complaint, as you have before, with the  
12 Agency. And Enforcement will go and investigate,  
13 and take the appropriate action if Enforcement  
14 determines that the summer garden is being  
15 utilized without an endorsement.

16 So, as I said before, as a member of  
17 the public, you are welcome to alert the Agency -  
18 - you're welcome contact Enforcement to report  
19 any violations of our rules and regulations by  
20 this Licensee or any other licensee. So, does  
21 that -- questions?

22 (No audible response.)

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Since you're  
24 on, Mr. Lawrence, you're on the phone --

25 (Simultaneous speaking.)

1 MR. LAWRENCE: Yes, sir.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That the Board  
3 is going to issue a cease and desist order to  
4 instruct you that you need to immediately stop  
5 utilization of the summer garden, because there  
6 is no endorsement on your license for the use of  
7 a summer garden.

8 MR. LAWRENCE: Understood, no problem.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. If  
10 there's no further questions, this matter is  
11 concluded. Thank you very much, have a great  
12 day.

13 MR. KUJAWA: Thank you sir.

14 (Simultaneous speaking.)

15 MR. LAWRENCE: Thank you --

16 MR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, all right,  
18 thank you.

19 All right. So, since we're at the end  
20 of our calendar for the afternoon, if there are  
21 no other business let us close the record for the  
22 day. Sorry, I didn't anticipate this hearing  
23 would have concluded this quickly, so my notes to  
24 close this hearing are not where they're supposed  
25 to be. So, give me one minute.

1                   As Chairperson of the Alcoholic  
2 Beverage and Cannabis Board for the District of  
3 Columbia, and in accordance with Title 3 Chapter  
4 4 and 5 Office of Open Government, I move that  
5 ABC Board hold a closed meeting on October 4 for  
6 the purpose of discussing and hearing reports  
7 concerning ongoing or planned investigations of  
8 alleged criminal or civil misconduct, or  
9 violations of law or regulations, and seeking  
10 legal advice from our legal counsel on the  
11 Board's investigative agenda, legal agenda, and  
12 licensing agenda for October 4, as published in  
13 DC Register on September 29. Is there a second?

14                   MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen seconds.

15                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen has  
16 second the motion, we'll now have a roll call  
17 vote on the motion before it -- properly second.  
18 Mr. Short?

19                   MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

20                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

21                   MEMBER CATO: Mr. Cato, I agree

22                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

23                   MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.

24                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

25                   MEMBER GRANDIS: Mr. Grandis, I agree.



1                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson,  
2 I agree. The matter passes six-zero-zero.

3                   As it appears that the motion has  
4 passed, I hereby give notice that the ABC Board  
5 will hold a closed meeting. Pursuant to the Open  
6 Meetings Act, notice will also be posted on the  
7 ABC Board hearing room bulletin board, placed on  
8 the electronic calendar on ABCA's website, and  
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10 manner as practical.

11                   We're now adjourned for the day. We  
12 would like to thank the members of the public who  
13 signed in to participate in our hearings today.  
14 And I would also like to thank our Board members  
15 who participated in our hearings today. We're  
16 now adjourned for the day.

17                   I now request that all Board members  
18 return to executive session for further  
19 development. Thank you very much, have a great  
20 afternoon.

21                   (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
22 went off the record at 3:12 p.m.)  
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