

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT :
REGARDING MEDICAL :
CANNABIS FACILITY :
SELECTION :
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Wednesday
September 28, 2022

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

PRESENT:

- DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
- RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member
- EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member
- JENI HANSEN, Member
- JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

- JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABRA Staff

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

2 1:38 p.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon
4 everyone, we're on the record.

5 Good afternoon everyone, my name is
6 Donovan Anderson, I'm Chairman of the ABC Board.

7 Joining us this afternoon are three
8 other members, four other members, I apologize.
9 Mr. James Short, Ms. Rafi Crockett, Ms. Jeni
10 Hansen, and Mr. Edward Brandis.

11 The Board has five members in
12 attendance this afternoon, and that constitutes a
13 quorum.

14 Before we get underway with this
15 afternoon's calendar, I need to make a few
16 instructions very clear so that the conduct of
17 these hearings is understood by everyone.

18 There are four cases scheduled for
19 this afternoon. Once your case is called, I will
20 take a moment for our IT specialist to elevate
21 the rights for each party, to enable their camera
22 and microphone.

23 Then and only then, will you have the
24 ability to enable your equipment.

25 If your case has not been heard, you

1 will remain mute and your camera will be
2 disabled.

3 At the conclusion of each case, the
4 parties will have the option to leave. If the
5 party chooses to stay, all cameras and
6 microphones for the concluded case will be
7 disabled.

8 Should you have any questions or
9 require technical assistance in the hearing,
10 please submit them using the chat feature.

11 All right, the first matter on our
12 afternoon calendar is the Board announcement
13 regarding the medical cannabis facility
14 selection.

15 Today, the District of Columbia
16 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, announces the
17 results of the 2022 medical cannabis facility
18 application process.

19 By way of background for both the
20 process and the time line, the Board provides the
21 following.

22 On March 3, 2021, the Board announced
23 an open period by which persons and entities,
24 could submit letters of intent, to qualify for
25 and obtain approval, to submit an application for

1 an available medical cannabis facility
2 registration in the District.

3 Available registrations included two
4 testing laboratories, one dispensary for either
5 Ward 3 or Ward 5, and two cultivation centers for
6 any Ward, excluding Ward 5.

7 The Board began accepting letters of
8 intent on March 22, 2021, and set a deadline for
9 May 21, 2021.

10 Only those persons and entities that
11 filed timely letters of intent, were eligible to
12 submit an application for a medical cannabis
13 cultivation center, dispensary, or testing lab.

14 Following the LOI phase of the
15 process, the Board started the application period
16 on November 29, 2021, and it set the application
17 deadline for March 28, 2022.

18 Based upon the limited number of
19 available registrations, it was not possible for
20 the Board to approve all timely submitted
21 applications.

22 After the application deadline passed,
23 applications were reviewed and scored by a multi
24 agency selection panel.

25 The selection panel was comprised of

1 ABRA, DCHealth, DCRA, DFS, DGS, DOEE, and OAG.

2 Upon the panels' completed review,
3 scores and comments were provided to the Board to
4 evaluate each application. The Board has now
5 reviewed the scores and findings provided by the
6 selection panel, and adopts them without
7 modification.

8 Pursuant to 23 DCMR, section 5402.13,
9 the Board adopts the selection panel's reports
10 and findings, and announces the following
11 selection results. First, due to the failure of
12 any application for a testing laboratory to
13 achieve a high enough score, no testing lab
14 registrations are being issued at this time.

15 Second, the two selected cultivation
16 center applications are the ones filed by Renee
17 and Andria Health, LLC, and Bouquet Labs DC, LLC.

18 Third, the selected dispensary
19 application is the one filed by Bouquet Labs DC,
20 LLC.

21 The Board also adopts the
22 recommendation of the selection panel for those
23 applications that were disapproved.

24 With respect to the applications filed
25 by Rooted Therapeutics, Uxolo, LLC, and Amitie

1 Enterprises, the record will reflect that Board
2 Member Crockett has removed herself from the
3 selection process regarding those specific
4 applications.

5 The Board further notes that all
6 applications will receive, applicants will
7 receive decision letters explaining the specific
8 reason for the application, that their
9 application was either approved or disapproved,
10 as well as a copy of the final score rankings for
11 all applicants and the individual score sheets
12 related to their specific applications.

13 The Board emphasizes that today's
14 decision does not prevent, or otherwise
15 prejudice, unsuccessful applicants from seeking
16 to apply for a medical cannabis facility
17 registration with ABRA in the future.

18 For additional information, the Board
19 directs applicants and members of the public to
20 ABRA's website where additional documents and
21 information related to today's decision and the
22 selection process have been posted. Thank you.

23 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
24 went off the record at 1:43 p.m.)
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