

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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Wednesday
November 1, 2023

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis
Board met via WebEx Video conference,
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:

- JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff

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

2 5:29 p.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Now
4 we're going to do the legal agenda.

5 The first matter on legal agenda is a
6 review of Offer in Compromise in Lieu of a
7 Hearing, dated October 26, 2023, for Case No. 23-
8 CC-00012, Sammy's Liquor, License No. 108222.

9 The Offer in Compromise is as follows:
10 Charge 1: Violation of code, failed to (audio
11 interference) violation of Code 25-781. The
12 Offer in Compromise is the primary tier
13 violation. The fine is a \$3,000 fine payable
14 within 30 days or the license shall be suspended
15 indefinitely until the fine has been paid.

16 Part 2 of the charge: the license
17 shall be suspended for 10 days with 4 days to be
18 served and 6 days stayed for one year and all
19 employees who serve alcoholic beverages in the
20 licensed established complete an alcohol training
21 program within 3 months from the OIC's date.

22 Charge 2: Failed to take reasonable
23 steps necessary to ascertain legal drinking age.
24 D.C. Official Code Section 25-783, primary tier
25 -- it's a primary tier violation. Second primary

1 tier violation within two years. This charge has
2 been dismissed.

3 I therefore make a motion that that
4 the Offer in Compromise be accepted. Is there a
5 second?

6 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis will
7 second.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short and
9 Mr. Grandis have seconded the motion. We'll have
10 a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

11 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

13 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

15 MEMBER GRANDIS: (No audible
16 response.)

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

19 Mr. Grandis, I'm not sure if you
20 (audio interference).

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. No.
22 2 on our legal agenda: Review of a Settlement
23 Agreement dated October 17th, 2023 by and between
24 Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D and Hell's
25 Kitchen, License No. 121424.

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

3 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis will
4 second.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis has
6 seconded the motion. We'll have a roll call
7 vote. Mr. Short?

8 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

10 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

12 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis. I
13 agree.

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

16 No. 3: Review of a Settlement
17 Agreement dated November -- I'm sorry, March 23rd
18 -- March of 2023 by and between Advisory
19 Neighborhood Commission 3G and Urban Grapes,
20 License No. 123788.

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

23 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. Second.

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

1 vote. Mr. Short?

2 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato? I'm
4 sorry, Ms. Hansen?

5 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. 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 No. 4: Review of a Settlement
12 Agreement dated October 13th, 2023 by and between
13 Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E and
14 Residents.

15 I make a motion that we approve the
16 settlement agreement. Is there a second.

17 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. Second.

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

21 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

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 4-0-0.

4 No. 5: Review of Request to Reinstate
5 Cancelled License dated October 25th, 2023.
6 License was canceled on October 18th, 2023
7 pursuant to Board Order No. 2023-515. This is
8 Los Companeros, License No. 103801.

9 I make a motion that we approve this
10 agreement. Is there a second?

11 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis. Second.

12 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. Second.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short and
14 Mr. Grandis have seconded the motion. We'll have
15 a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

16 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

18 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

20 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis. I
21 agree.

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

24 No. 6: Review of the request from ANC
25 8F to withdraw protest dated September 23rd, 2023

1 in Case No. 22-PRO-00065, Tinette's, T-I-N-E-T-T-
2 E-S, License No. 125278.

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

5 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. Second.

6 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis will
7 second.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen and
9 Mr. Grandis have seconded the motion. We'll now
10 have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

11 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

13 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

15 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis. I
16 agree.

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

19 Let's now move to the licensing
20 agenda. I'll now take up the licensing agenda.
21 On the licensing agenda there are -- no, I have
22 to do this individually.

23 All right. Review Application for
24 Safekeeping of License. This is for El Torogoz,
25 T-O-R-O-G-O-Z, Restaurant, License No. 072165.

1 I make a motion that we approve this
2 request through March 31st, 2024. Is there a
3 second?

4 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis will
5 second.

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

9 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

11 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. 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 No. 2: Review Application for
18 Safekeeping of License. This is for Afghanistan, A-
19 F-G-H-A-N-I-A, License No. 118936.

20 I make a motion that we approve this
21 request through March 31st, 2024. Is there a
22 second?

23 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I
24 second.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen

1 seconded the motion. We'll have a roll call
2 vote. Mr. Short?

3 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

5 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

7 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis. I
8 agree.

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

11 No. 3: Review Application for Change
12 of Hours of Operations. This is The Lane Social
13 Club, License No. 121348.

14 I make a motion that we placard this
15 matter. Is there a second?

16 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I second.

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

20 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I 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 4-0-0.

3 I'm now taking up the supplemental
4 licensing agenda. On the supplemental licensing
5 agenda there are -- the supplemental licensing
6 agenda for November 1st, 2023. There are two
7 requests on that license.

8 I move that the two items on the
9 supplemental licensing agenda be approved. Do I
10 have a second?

11 MEMBER GRANDIS: (No audible
12 response.)

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

16 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

18 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

20 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis. I
21 agree.

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

24 I'm now moving to the cancellation
25 agenda for discussion and vote by the Board.

1 There are two items on the cancellation agenda
2 for November 1st, on the published cancellation
3 agenda for November 1st, 2023.

4 I move that the two items on the
5 cancellation agenda be approved. Do I have a
6 second?

7 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis will
8 second.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis has
10 seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll call
11 vote. Mr. Short?

12 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

14 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

16 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis. I
17 agree.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.
19 Anderson. I agree. The matter passes 4-0-0.

20 We now move to the cease and desist
21 Class B licenses agenda. On the cease and desist
22 Class B licensing agenda for November 1st there
23 are 25 licenses that the Board will be issuing
24 cease and desist orders.

25 Do I have a second?

1 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I second.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
3 seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll call
4 vote. Mr. Short?

5 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Hansen?

7 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

9 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis. I
10 agree.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

12 Anderson. I agree. The matter passes 4-0-0.

13 We now move to the cease and desist
14 agenda retail taverns/nightclubs for November
15 1st, 2023. On the November 1st, 2023 cease and
16 desist agenda retail taverns/nightclubs there are
17 24 establishments on this agenda.

18 I then make a motion that all the
19 requests to issue cease and desist orders on this
20 agenda be approved. Do I have a second?

21 MEMBER GRANDIS: (No audible
22 response.)

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis has
24 seconded the motion. We'll have a roll call
25 vote. Mr. Short?

1 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

3 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

5 MEMBER GRANDIS: (No audible

6 response.)

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

8 Anderson. I agree. The matter passes 4-0-0.

9 I'm now taking up the medical cannabis
10 licensing agenda for November 1st. 2023. On this
11 agenda there are five requests for licensing.

12 I move that all five licensing
13 requests be approved. Do I have a second?

14 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis will
15 second.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis has
17 seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll call
18 vote. Mr. Short?

19 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

21 MEMBER HANSEN: (Audio interference).

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

23 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis. I
24 agree.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

1 Anderson. I agree. The matter passes 4-0-0.

2 I am now moving to the Board temporary
3 license and one-day substantial change docket for
4 November 1st, 2023. There are 24 items on this
5 docket.

6 I move that all the requests for
7 licenses on this docket be approved by the Board.
8 Is there a second?

9 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I second.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
11 seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll call
12 vote. Mr. Short?

13 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

15 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

17 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis. I
18 agree.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.
20 Anderson. I agree. The matter passes 4-0-0.

21 I am now taking up the Board's
22 licensing administrative docket for November 1st,
23 2023. On the licensing administrative docket
24 there are nine agenda items on this docket.

25 I make a motion that all the nine

1 requests on this docket be approved. Do I have a
2 second?

3 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis will
4 second.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis has
6 seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll call
7 vote. Mr. Short?

8 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

10 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

12 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis. I
13 agree.

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

16 We now move to the licensing
17 administrative docket (streatery) for November
18 1st. 2023. On this docket there are two
19 applicants on this docket.

20 I move that these two applicants on
21 this docket be approved. Do I have a second?

22 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. Second.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen has
24 seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll call
25 vote. Mr. Short?

1 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

3 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

5 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis. I
6 agree.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

8 Anderson. I agree. The matter passes 4-0-0.

9 We're now at the end of our calendar
10 and our agenda item for today, November 11th.
11 And prior to closing the record for the day I
12 once again would like to thank Ms. Hansen, Mr.
13 Grandis, and Mr. Cato for their Service to the
14 Board. They have ably served the residents of
15 the District of Columbia and I want to formally
16 thank them for their Service and wishing them all
17 three, as they say, Godspeed in their next
18 endeavor. And thank you very much for your
19 Service to the residents of the District of
20 Columbia.

21 Yes, Mr. Short?

22 (No audible response.)

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, I thought
24 I heard -- I apologize.

25 All right. As Chairperson of the

1 Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board for the
2 District of Columbia, in accordance with Title 3,
3 Chapter 405, Office of Open Government, I move
4 that the ABC Board hold a closed meeting on
5 November 8th for purpose of discussing and
6 hearing reports concerning ongoing or planned
7 investigations of alleged criminal or civil
8 misconduct or violation of law or regulation and
9 seeking legal advice from our legal counsel on
10 the Board's investigative agenda, legal agenda,
11 licensing agenda for November 8th, 2023, as
12 published in DC Register on November 3rd, 2023.

13 Is there a second?

14 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis will
15 second.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis has
17 seconded the motion. I will now take a roll call
18 vote on the motion before us now that it has been
19 properly seconded. Mr. Short?

20 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I 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.

3 As it appears that the motion has
4 passed 4-0-0, I hereby give notice that the ABC
5 Board will hold this closed meeting pursuant to
6 the Open Meetings Act. Notice will also be
7 posted on the ABC Board hearing room bulletin
8 board, placed on the electronic calendar on
9 ABCA's website, and published in the D.C.
10 Register as in timely manner as practical.

11 The Board has now adjourned for the
12 day and as I stated before, the Board met in
13 person today for the first time in over three
14 years. And it was good meeting in person with
15 our Board members. And we have to do this again.

16 Anyway, we have adjourned for the day
17 and I'm requesting that all Board members return
18 to executive session for further action. Thank
19 you. Have a great day. Bye-bye.

20 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
21 went off the record at 5:45 p.m.)
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