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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
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Wednesday December 13, 2023

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

## PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson SILAS GRANT, JR., Member JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:
JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff
P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let's now do our legal agenda. The first matter on our legal agenda is a review of an Offer in Compromise in lieu of a hearing dated December 6, 2023 for Case No. 23-6 -- I'm sorry, 23-CMP-00063. This is 3321 Bistro DC Restaurant, License No. 117625.

The Offer in Compromise is as follows:
Charge 1, provided false statement, statutory authority, D.C. Code Section 25-823(a)(5) . There's a fine of 1,000 dollars payable within 30 days or the license shall be suspended indefinitely until the five has been paid. Charge No. 2, tampered with evidence, statutory authority, D.C. Code Section 25-823(a)(10). There's a fine of 1,000 dollars payable within 30 days or the license shall be suspended indefinitely until the fine has been paid. Charge No. 3, interfered with an investigation by destroying or concealing evidence, statutory authority, D.C. Code Section 25-823(a)(5)(D). That charge is dismissed. Charge No. 4, interfered with an investigation by refusing to allow the
examination of the licensee's books and records, statutory authority, D.C. Code Section 25823(a)(5)(B). That charge has also been dismissed. Charge 5, interfered with an investigation by failing to produce requested documentation of record within 48 hours, statutory authority, D.C. Code Section 25823(a)(5)(E).

For this charge, there's a fine of 1,000 paid within 30 days or the license shall be suspended indefinitely until the fine has been paid. I therefore make a motion that the Offer in Compromise be accepted. Is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? MEMBER GRANT: I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.
Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0.
Number 2, review of settlement agreement dated December 5th, 2023 by and between Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A and Champion Kitchen,

License No. 103055. I make a motion that we approve this settlement agreement. Is there a second?

MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I second.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0.
Number 3, review of a settlement agreement dated September 7th -- I'm sorry, dated December 7th, 2023 by and between Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B and Red Lounge Hookah, License No. 076011. I make a motion that we approve this agreement. Is there a second?

MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I second. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. Number 4, review of the settlement agreement dated December 12, 2023 by and between Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B, a group of five or more residents and VooDoo, License No. 126026. I make a motion that we approve this agreement. Is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. Number 5, review of a request to reinstate cancelled license date December 6, 2023. License was cancelled on November 15th, 2023 pursuant to Board Order No. 2023-660. This is Soul Mega, License No. 113397. I make a motion that we approve this request. Is there a second?

MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I second the motion.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Grant?

MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant I agree.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short? MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. Number 6, review of request to reinstate cancelled license dated December 7, 2023. License was cancelled November 15th, 2023 pursuant to Board Order No. 2023-638. This is for Sandovan Restaurant and Lounge, License No. 092705. I make a motion that we approve this request. Is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. Number 7, review of request to reinstate
dismissed protest dated December 7, 2023 filed by ANC 1B in Case No. 23-PRO-00091, Celavi, C-E-L-A-V-I, License No. 126215. I make a motion that we deny this request. Is there a second?

MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I second the motion.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. Number 8, review of request to reinstate dismissed protested dated December 11th, 2023 filed by Westminister Neighborhood Association in Case No. 23-PRO-00091. Celavi, C-E-L-A-V-I, License No. 126215. I make a motion that we deny this request. Is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short
second?
MEMBER SHORT: I second, yeah. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. Number 9, review of opposition to ANC 1B and WNA's request to reinstate dismissed protest dated December 8, 2023 in Case No. 23-PRO-00091, Celavi, License No. 126215. This is now moot. Number 10, review of Adams Morgan Moratorium Zone Notice of Fourth Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking. I make a motion that we approve this rulemaking. Is there a second? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I second the motion.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0.

Number 11, a review of North Shaw Moratorium Zone Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. I make a motion that we approve this request. Is there a second? MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. We now move to our licensing agenda. The first matter on our licensing agenda, review application of safekeeping of license pending approval of license reinstatement. This is for Sandovan Restaurant and Lounge, License No. 092705. I make a motion that we approve this request. Is there a second?

MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I second the motion.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. We want to approve this through March 31st, 2024. So this a safekeeping request through March 31st, 2024. Mr. Grant has approved this request.

We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?
MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. Number 2, review application for entertainment endorsement to provide live entertainment inside the premises and outside in a summer garden. This is for Mechos Dominican Kitchen, License No. 114514. I make a motion that we placard this matter. Is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. Number 3, review application for a class change from Retailer C Restaurant to Retailer CX multipurpose facility. This is for The Lane Social Club, License No. 121348. I make a motion
that we have a fact finding hearing. Is there a second?

MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I second the motion.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. Number 4, review request to expand the approved capacity of the premises, add in 20 interior seats, and therefore increase the total occupancy load by 4. This is for Piccolina, P-I-C-C-O-L-I-N-A. License No. 114225. I make a motion that we approve this request. Is there a second? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I second the motion.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant?

MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. Number 5, review a request for approval to provide a gift of a TV for retail display that does not exceed 500 dollars in value to Morris Miller Wine and Spirits, License No. 110406. The request had been made by Breakthru Beverage, License No. 124554. I make a motion that we approve this request. Is there a second? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I second the motion.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. Number 6, review request for off premises storage permit to store unopened alcohol beverage inventory offsite at 3521 V Street, Northeast. The request is being made by The Dusty Bunker, License No. 125701. I make a motion that we
approve this request. Is there a second?
MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. Number 7, review request for disposal permit to transport unopened alcoholic beverage inventory to Claudio's Table, License No. 123532. Excuse me. This request is made by Et Voila, License No. 078332. I make a motion that we approve this request. Is there a second?

MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I second the motion.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. Number 8, review request to waive late fees for license renewal. This is made by Soul Mega, License No. 113397. I make a motion that we deny this request. Is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. We now move to our supplemental licensing agenda. On our supplemental licensing agenda, there are three licensees on our supplemental licensing agenda. I therefore move that all three items on this agenda be approved. Is there a second? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I second the motion.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. We now move to our cancellation agenda for Wednesday, December 13. There is one item on the agenda to cancel the license. I therefore move that the Board approve the request on the cancellation agenda for December 13, 2023 to cancel the license. Is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has second the motion. We'll now have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant?
MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. All right. We now move to the Board's temporary oneday and substantial change docket. There are 15 -- they are requests for 15 -- let me go through this.

The first request is a request from Erwin Villarias, V-I-L-L-A-R-I-A-S. This is for
a one-day license Class F. So I'm going to read -- I am going to read all 15. And I'll state what the request is.

At the end of the list, I will ask that Board approve the requests, excuse me, that are being made in the record. So No. 1 is a request from Edwin Villarias for one-day license Class F. This is on December 15, 2023. The license number is 127071, 50 attendees, one security guard.

No. 2 is another request from Erwin Villarias, V-I-L-L-A-R-I-A-S, for a one-day license Class F. This is for dinner, December 16th. The license number is 127072, 50 attendees, one security guard.

No. 3, another request from Erwin Villarias, a one-day license Class F, a dinner. This is December 22nd. The license number is 127073, 50 attendees, one security guard.

No. 4, another request from Erwin Villarias, a one-day license Class F, dinner, December 23rd. The license number is 127074, 50 attendees, one security guard. No. 5, a request from Madeleine Sargent, a one-day license Class F, holiday fundraiser, December 16th. The
license number is 127102, 55 attendees, 2 security guards.

No. 6, a request from Andre Mazelin, M-A-Z-E-L-I-N, a one-day license Class F, live performance at a dance place. This is December 16th and December 17th. License number is 127098, 200 attendees, 4 security guards.

No. 7, another request by Andre Mazelin, a one-day license Class G, live performance, December 15, License No. 127099, 200 attendees, 4 security guards. No. 8, a request for Tilario, T-I-L-A-R-I-O, Best, a one-day license Class G, family and friends fall gathering. This is December 16th. The license number is 127097, 70 attendees, 4 security guards.

No. 9, a request from Tony \& Joe's Seafood Place, one-day substantial change, New Year's Eve party. Nature of substantial change: utilize a common space between Tony \& Joe's and Nick's Riverside Grille. This is December 31st. The license number is 010762. The substantial change license is 23-SC-01246.

No. 10, request from RegMoPromo Holdings, a pub crawl, The Bourbon to U Street

Crawl. This is on -- I'm sorry. This is February 10th, 2024, maximum of 1,000 parties for this event. The license number is 104072. The substantial change is 23-PCE-00029.

No. 11, another request from RegMoPromo Holdings, a pub crawl, The Lucky U Street Bar Crawl. This is March 16, 2024. The license number is 104072. Substantial change license, 23-PCE-00030. Again, this is an event that the maximum capacity is 1,000 that we're recommending.

No. 12, a request from Project DC Events, pub crawl, DC Onesie Crawl '24. This is January 13, 2024. The license number is 105182. The substantial change license is 23-PCE-00034. We are approving a maximum of 1,500 for this event.

No. 13, another request from Project DC Events, pub crawl, Cupid's Bar Crawl 2024 on February 10th, 2024. License number is 105182. Substantial change license, 23-PCE-00035. We are approving 1,500 as a maximum number for this event.

No. 14, Project DC Events, The Shamrock Crawl 2024, March 16th, 2024. License
number is 105182. The substantial change license, 23-PCE-00036. We are approving -- we conditional approved for 1,000 for this event. And No. 15 was a request from Michael Amatangelo, A-M-A-T-A-N-G-E-L-O, for a one-day license Class F, the U.S. Navy Command Holiday Party. This was on December 8th, 2023. The license number is 127061, 200 attendees, 4 security guards. I therefore make a motion that the $A B C$ Board approve of these license requests. Is there a second?

MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I second the motion.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has second the motion. We'll now have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant?
MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.
Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. We now move to the Board's license administrative docket for December 13, 2023. On this docket, there are 18 requests to make changes to their license. And so therefore, $I$ make a motion that
all 18 request be approved. Is there a second? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I second the motion.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. And we now move to our final agenda for the morning. It's the medical cannabis licensing agenda. The first matter on our medical cannabis licensing agenda, the first, it's a conditional cultivation center application.

So the first -- I am going to read all of the applications and with the recommendations. And at the end of the list, I will ask the Board to approve the recommendations that were made by the Board -- I'm sorry, by the chair. And so I'm going to ask for an approval of the recommendations by the chair for these licenses.

So the first one is review of social equity application for conditional cultivation
center license. This is for Bright Green LLC, License No. 126775. I'm asking for an approval for that one.

No. 2, review of standard application for condition cultivation center license. This is for Bear River Dispensaries, trade name, Bear River Cannabis, License No. 126770. I'm asking for approval.

Now we move to the social equity retailer application, License No. 3. It's a review of social equity application for new retailer license with delivery endorsement. This is for Wash Hydro, License No. 126952. The recommendation by the chair is that this matter be placard.

No, 4, review of social equity application for new retailer license with delivery endorsement. This is for aligned, License No. 127009. The recommendation from the chair that this matter be placard.

No. 5, review of social equity application for a new retailer license with delivery endorsement. This is for Mr. Nice Guys, License No. 126755. The recommendation from the chair is that this matter be denied.

We now move to the standard retailer applications. No. 6, review of standard application for new retailer license with delivery endorsement. This is for District Gaslight, License No. 126785. The recommendation from the chair that this matter be placard.

No. 7, review of standard application for new retailer license with delivery endorsement. This is for Chill Tobacco, License No. 126788. The recommendation is that this matter be placard.

No. 8, review of standard license application for new retailer license with delivery endorsement, Georgetown Supply, License No. 126906. The recommendation by the chair is this matter be placard. No. 9, review of standard license application for new retailer license delivery endorsement for Wishing Wellness DC, License No. 126747. The recommendation, this matter be placard.

No. 10, review of standard license application for a new retailer license delivery endorsement. This is for Dessert First, License No. 126813. Recommendation, placard.

No. 11, review of standard license
application for new retailer license with delivery, education testing, safe-use treatment facility and summer garden endorsement. This is for Violet City, License No. 127008. The chair recommends a fact finding.

No. 12, review of standard application
for new retailer license with delivery endorsement. This is for Doobie District, License No. 126751. The recommendation this matter be -- this license be denied.

No. 13, review of standard license application for new retailer license with delivery endorsement. This is for Firehouse DC, License No. 126791. The recommendation is that this license request be denied.

No. 14, review of standard license application for new retailer license with delivery endorsement. This is for Caf, Angelique, License No. 126824. Recommendation that this be denied.

No. 15, review of standard license application for new retail license with delivery endorsement. This is for DeLorean, License No. 126807. Recommendation that this application be denied.

And the final category, the standard internet retail application, No, 16, review of standard license application for new internet retail license. This is for LOCAL'D LLC, License No. 126786. Recommendations that this matter be denied. I therefore make a motion that ABC Board approves the recommendation made by the chair for all these license requests.

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has second the motion. We'll now have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant?
MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.
Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0. We have now concluded our agenda items for the day.

And so therefore since we have previously disposed of our calendar for the entire day. And now we have now disposed of our agenda for the day. If there's no further business, I will now adjourn for the day.

As chairperson, the Alcoholic Beverage
and Cannabis Board for the District of Columbia
and in accordance with Title III, Chapter 4 or 5, Office of Open Government, I move that ABC Board hold a closed meeting on December 14, 2023 for the purpose of discussing and hearing reports concerning ongoing or planned investigations of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations and seeking legal advice from our legal counsel on the Board's investigative agenda, legal agenda, and licensing agenda for December 14th as published in the D.C. Register on December 8th, 2023. Is there a second?

MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I second the motion.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has second the motion. We'll now have a roll -- I will now take a roll call vote on the motion before us now that has been properly second. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant?
MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.
Anderson, I agree. As it appears that the motion has passed 3-0, I hereby give notice that ABC

Board will hold this closed meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. Notice will also be posted on the ABC Board bulletin board, placed on electronic calendar on ABCA's website, and published in the D.C. Register in as timely a manner as practical. We're now adjourned for the day. I would like to thank all members of the public who participated in our hearing today and our Board members who participate. So without any further business, I will now ask all Board members to return to executive session for further action. Thank you very much. Have a great day. (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 12:17 p.m.)

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