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2 9:59 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And that is our
4 calendar for the day. So now that we are at the
5 end of our calendar for the day, let us do our legal
6 agenda. The first agenda we're going to do this
7 morning is our Legal Agenda-Medical Cannabis.

8 The first matter on our Legal
9 Agenda-Medical Cannabis is a review of an
10 offer-in-compromise. This is in Case No.
11 25-ULC-00070, YouGroGurl. This is an unlicensed
12 cannabis establishment.

13 And the offer-in-compromise is as follows:

14 (1) Products not to be Offered, Exchanged,
15 or Sold: Respondent confirms that it has ceased
16 selling cannabis or cannabis products, and agrees
17 not to offer, exchange, or sell either in the store
18 or online the following products: (1) cannabis or
19 cannabis-derived products, including all
20 cannabinoids, hemp, CBD, tetrahydrocannabinolic
21 acid (THC-A), and THC without a license; (2) kratom;
22 and (3) any Schedule I substances, including
23 psychedelic mushrooms and dimethyltryptamine
24 (DMT).

25 (2) Operation at the Premises: Respondent

1 will not operate as a business at the premises, 1410
2 22nd Street SE, Washington, DC 20020, and shall only
3 use the premises as a residence.

4 (3) Fine: Respondent agrees to pay a \$3,000
5 fine for this violation.

6 (4) Inspection: Respondent agrees to allow
7 ABCA investigators to inspect the entire premises
8 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to
9 verify that the Respondent is not selling products
10 listed in paragraph 1.

11 (5) Violation of DC Code § 7-1671.08(g):
12 A subsequent violation of DC Code § 7-1671.08(g)
13 shall be grounds for the Board to issue a subsequent
14 Notice of Summary Closure and a fine of \$20,000 as
15 outlined in DC Code § 7-1671.08(f).

16 (6) Lifting of Summary Closure: Upon
17 submission of proof of payment of the fine in
18 paragraph 3, the summary closure shall be lifted.

19 (7) Return of Keys: Once the summary
20 closure is lifted, ABCA shall make the keys to the
21 premises available to Respondent for pickup at its
22 offices or at another mutually agreed-upon time,
23 date, and location.

24 And that is the offer-in-compromise. I,
25 therefore, make a motion that the

1 offer-in-compromise be accepted.

2 Is there a second?

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

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

8 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

10 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I agree.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

12 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

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

15 No. 2, review of an offer-in-compromise.

16 This is in Case No. 25-ULC-00081. It's Minnesota
17 Avenue Exxon. This is an unlicensed establishment.

18 The offer-in-compromise is as follows:

19 (1) Products not to be Offered, Exchanged,
20 or Sold: Respondent confirms that it has ceased
21 selling cannabis or cannabis products, and agrees
22 to not offer, exchange, or sell either in the store
23 or online the following products: (1) cannabis or
24 cannabis-derived products, including all
25 cannabinoids, hemp, CBD, tetrahydrocannabinolic

1 acid (THC-A), and THC without a license; (2) kratom;
2 and (3) any Schedule I substance, including
3 psychedelic mushrooms and dimethyltryptamine
4 (DMT).

5 (2) Inspection: Respondent agrees to allow
6 ABCA investigators to inspect the entire premises
7 of the business during those hours that it is open
8 to the public to verify that the business is not
9 selling products listed in paragraph 1.

10 (3) Violation of DC Code § 7-1671.08(g):
11 A subsequent violation of DC Code § 7-1671.08(g)
12 shall be granted for the Board to issue a subsequent
13 Notice of Summary Closure and a fine of \$10,000 as
14 outlined in DC Code § 7-1671.08(f).

15 (4) Lifting of Summary
16 Closure/Suspension: The summary closure shall be
17 lifted once the Board approves the OIC.

18 (5) Return of Keys: ABCA shall make the
19 keys to the premises available to Respondent for
20 pickup at its offices or at another mutually
21 agreed-upon time, date, and location upon approval
22 of the offer-in-compromise.

23 I, therefore, make a motion that the
24 offer-in-compromise be accepted.

25 Is there a second?

1 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I second the
2 motion.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows has
4 second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote.

5 Mr. Grant?

6 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

8 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I agree.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

10 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson, I
12 agree. The matter passes, 4-0.

13 No. 3 on the agenda, it's Case No.
14 25-ULC-00080. It is Grass & Co. This is, again,
15 an unlicensed establishment.

16 The offer-in-compromise for this case is
17 as follows:

18 (1) Cessation of Illegal Sales: Respondent
19 admits that it has ceased all unlicensed cannabis
20 sales on the premises and online.

21 (2) Fine: Prior to reopening, Respondent
22 shall pay a fine of \$5,000.

23 (3) Remediation: To remediate the sale of
24 cannabis and cannabis products that occurred at a
25 business, Respondent will change the name of the

1 business from Grass & Co. to Bmore Tobacco and
2 Convenience, and any signs that contain the word
3 Grass, the phrase Smoke Shop, or any language in
4 the name indicative of cannabis sales must be
5 removed, updated, or replaced.

6 Before lifting the summary closure,
7 Respondent shall provide documentation to the Board
8 that it has changed its name with the Department
9 of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP).

10 (4) Change of Operations: Respondent will
11 change its business model to not sell cannabis or
12 cannabis products or other illegal products,
13 including flavored tobacco, at the premises,
14 online, or at any other location in the District
15 of Columbia without a valid medical cannabis retail
16 license.

17 (5) Removal of Products: Respondent shall
18 remove and destroy any remaining embargoed product
19 from the initial warning or the closure.

20 (6) Inspection: Respondent agrees to allow
21 ABCA investigators to inspect the entire premises
22 of the building during those hours that it is open
23 to the public to verify that the business is
24 compliant with the requirements listed in paragraph
25 1 through 5.

1 (7) Lifting of the Summary Closure: The
2 current summary closure shall remain in effect until
3 Respondent files a notice and if the Board approves
4 that the requirements of paragraph 2 through 5 have
5 been satisfied.

6 I, therefore, make a motion that the
7 offer-in-compromise be accepted.

8 Is there a second?

9 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I second the
10 motion.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones has
12 second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote.

13 Mr. Grant?

14 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

16 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I agree.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

18 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

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

21 No. 4 is another offer-in-compromise.
22 This is in Case No. 25-ULC-00075, Best Stop. This
23 is, again, another unlicensed establishment.

24 The offer-in-compromise for this case is
25 as follows:

1 (1) Products not to be Offered, Exchanged,
2 or Sold: Respondent confirms that it has ceased
3 selling cannabis or cannabis products.

4 Respondent and all beneficial owners,
5 heirs, and assigns agree to not sell the following
6 at the premises, online, or at any other location
7 in the District of Columbia: (1) flavored tobacco;
8 (2) cannabis and cannabis products, including all
9 cannabinoids, hemp, CBD, tetrahydrocannabinolic
10 acid (THC-A), and THC without a medical cannabis
11 retail license; (3) kratom; and (4) any Schedule
12 I substances, including psychedelic mushrooms and
13 DMT.

14 (2) Remediation: To remediate the sale of
15 cannabis and cannabis products that occurred at the
16 business, Respondent will change its business model
17 and operate as a convenience store with a tobacco
18 license and pre-packaged foods.

19 (3) Inspection: Respondent agrees to allow
20 ABCA investigators to inspect the entire premises
21 of the business during those hours that it is open
22 to the public to verify that the business is not
23 selling those products listed in paragraph 1.

24 (4) Future Violations: This summary
25 closure constitutes a first violation of DC Code

1 § 7-1671.08(f) such if Respondent has not filed an
2 accepted and pending application with the ABC Board
3 and knowingly engages or attempts to engage in the
4 purchase, sale, exchange, and delivery, or any form
5 of commercial transaction including cannabis in the
6 future, the ABC Board may impose a \$20,000 fine under
7 DC Code § 7-1671.08(f)(2).

8 (5) Respondent shall pay a \$3,000 fine.

9 (6) Lifting of the Summary Closure: The
10 summary closure shall remain in effect until the
11 Board is satisfied that the requirements of
12 paragraph 1 and 2 have been fulfilled and the fine
13 as stated in paragraph 5 has been paid. Respondent
14 shall file a motion to lift the summary suspension
15 showing it has satisfied the terms of paragraph 1
16 and 2.

17 Hold on. I just want to make sure that
18 I've captured all the terms that I see. Yes, those
19 are all the terms. Six terms, yes. So I,
20 therefore, make a motion that the
21 offer-in-compromise be accepted.

22 Is there a second?

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

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has

1 second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote.

2 Mr. Grant?

3 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

5 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I agree.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

7 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

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

10 So, let us now do our licensing agendas.

11 The first agenda we'll do is the Alcohol Licensing
12 Agenda.

13 On this agenda, there are two
14 applications. I'll review the two applications and
15 make a recommendation. Then I'll ask the ABC Board
16 to vote to affirm the recommendation that was put
17 forth by the Chair.

18 No. 1, review request for a temporary
19 operating retail permit. This is for Violet 9th
20 St., LLC, License No. 134812, recommendation:
21 approval.

22 No. 2, review application for a stipulated
23 license with letter of ANC support for an
24 entertainment endorsement application. This is
25 for Acqua Bistecca, B-I-S-T-E-C-C-A, License No.

1 132936, recommendation: approval.

2 I, therefore, make a motion that ABC Board
3 members vote to approve the recommendations put
4 forth by the Chair for the Alcohol Licensing Agenda.

5 Is there a second?

6 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I second.

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

10 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

12 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I agree.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

14 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

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

17 We now move to the Notice of Meeting
18 Vacated Cease and Desist Orders Agenda. The ABC
19 Board is vacating the following orders to cease and
20 desist previously issued December 17, 2025:

21 (1) Rush, License No. 134289. The
22 licensee paid the fee on December 19, 2025.

23 I, therefore, make a motion that ABC Board
24 vote to vacate the cease and desist order for this
25 establishment.

1 Is there a second?

2 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I second the
3 motion.

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

7 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

9 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I agree.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

11 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson, I
13 agree. The matter passes, 4-0.

14 So let's now do the Board's Temporary
15 License and One-Day Substantial Change Docket. On
16 this docket, there are nine applications on this
17 docket.

18 I'll review all the recommendations -- I'm
19 sorry -- I'll review all of the applications, and
20 then I will provide a recommendation. And then I'll
21 ask that a motion be made and seconded to approve
22 the recommendation as put forth by the Chair.

23 No. 1 is a request from Patrick D. Batista.

24 This is for a one-day license, Class G. It's a
25 private party. This is January 24th. The license

1 number is 134794, 200 attendees, four security
2 guards. Recommendation: approval.

3 No. 2, another request from Patrick D.
4 Batista, a one-day license, Class G, for a private
5 party. This is January 10th. The license number
6 is 134793, 200 attendees, four security guards.
7 Recommendation: approval.

8 No. 3, a request from Diamond Watson, a
9 one-day license, Class G, a private party. This
10 is December 31st. The license number is 134814,
11 300 attendees, six security guards.
12 Recommendation: approval.

13 No. 4, a request from Amanda Tindall, a
14 one-day license, Class G, for a wedding. This is
15 January 3rd. The license number is 134810, 215
16 attendees, five security guards. Recommendation:
17 approval.

18 No. 5, a request from Nebiyou Haile,
19 N-E-B-I-Y-O-U H-A-I-L-E, for a one-day license,
20 Class G, holiday party. This is December 31st
21 through January 3rd, for three days. The license
22 number is 134809, 200 attendees, six security
23 guards. Recommendation: approval.

24 No. 6, a request from Jonathon Rube, a
25 one-day license, Class G, a New Year's Eve party.

1 This is December 31st. The license number is
2 134823, 500 attendees, eight security guards.
3 Recommendation: approval.

4 No. 7, AMC Theatres Georgetown 14, one-day
5 substantial change, movie release. Nature of
6 substantial change: requesting to extend the hours
7 of operation on December 25th until 2:00 a.m. The
8 license number is 098330. The substantial change
9 license is 25-SC-01348. Recommendation: approval.

10 No. 8, another request from AMC Theatres
11 Georgetown 14, one-day substantial change, movie
12 release. Nature of substantial change: requesting
13 to extend hours of operation on January 1st until
14 2:00 a.m. The license number is 099730. The
15 substantial change license is 25-SC-01350.
16 Recommendation: approval.

17 And No. 9, La Grotta DC, one-day
18 substantial change, holiday party. Nature of
19 substantial change: seeking to extend hours of
20 operation beginning at 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. The
21 license number is 126725. The substantial change
22 license is 25-SC-01364.

23 I, therefore, make a motion that the ABC
24 Board members vote to approve the recommendation
25 of the Chair for the Board's Temporary and One-Day

1 Substantial Change Docket.

2 Is there a second?

3 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I second the
4 motion.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones has
6 second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote.

7 Mr. Grant?

8 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

10 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I agree.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

12 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

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

15 Let's now move to the Alcohol Licensing
16 Administrative Docket for this Tuesday, December
17 23rd. There are two applications on this docket.

18 And so without objection, I make a motion
19 that ABC Board members vote to approve the Alcohol
20 Licensing Administrative Docket for December 23,
21 2025.

22 Is there a second?

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

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has

1 second the motion. We have a roll call vote.

2 Mr. Grant?

3 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

5 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I agree.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

7 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson, I
9 agree. The matter passes, 4-0.

10 Let's now move to the Medical Cannabis
11 Licensing Administrative Docket. On this docket,
12 there are four applications.

13 And so without objection, I make a motion
14 that ABC Board members vote to approve the Medical
15 Cannabis Licensing Administrative Docket for
16 Tuesday, December 23, 2025.

17 Is there a second?

18 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I second.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows has
20 second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote.

21 Mr. Grant?

22 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

24 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I agree.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

1 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson, I
3 agree. The matter passes, 4-0.

4 Let's now do our last licensing agenda for
5 today. This is the Medical Cannabis Licensing
6 Agenda.

7 On this agenda, there are two requests.

8 I will review both names, and I will make a motion
9 that the ABC Board members vote to approve the
10 recommendations put forward by the Chair.

11 No. 1, review of request to add education
12 tasting endorsement for a retailer. It's Cookies
13 DC, License No. 131371, recommendation: approval.

14 No. 2, review of request to add safe-use
15 treatment facility endorsement for a retailer with
16 delivery endorsement. This is Doobie District,
17 License No. 126751, recommendation: placard.

18 I, therefore, make a motion that ABC Board
19 members vote to approve the recommendations put
20 forward by the Chair on the Medical Cannabis
21 Licensing Agenda.

22 Is there a second?

23 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I second the
24 motion.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones has

1 second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote.

2 Mr. Grant?

3 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

5 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I agree.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

7 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

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

10 We are now at the end of our agenda items
11 for today. If there is no more business, I will
12 move to adjourn for the day.

13 As Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage
14 and Cannabis Board for the District of Columbia,
15 in accordance with Title 3, Chapter 405, Office of
16 Open Government, I move that ABC Board hold a closed
17 meeting on January 7th for the purpose of discussing
18 and hearing reports concerning ongoing or planned
19 investigations of alleged criminal or civil
20 misconduct or violations of law or regulations, and
21 seeking legal advice from our legal counsel on the
22 Board's investigative agenda, legal agenda, and
23 licensing agenda for January 7th, as published in
24 the DC Register on December 2nd.

25 Is there a second?

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

3 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I second.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant and Mr.
5 Meadows have second the motion. We will now have
6 a roll call vote.

7 Mr. Grant?

8 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

10 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I agree.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

12 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

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

15 As the motion has passed, I hereby give
16 notice that the ABC Board will hold this closed
17 meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. Notice
18 will also be posted on the ABC Board Hearing Room
19 Bulletin Board, placed on the electronic calendar
20 on ABCA's website, and published in the DC Register
21 in as timely a manner as practical.

22 We are now adjourned for this day. I would
23 like to thank all members of the ABC Board who have
24 made themselves available to participate in this
25 meeting today. Thank you very much. Have a great

1 day.

2 And now, I'll direct all Board members to
3 return to Executive Session for further action.

4 Good morning.

5 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
6 went off the record at 10:24 a.m.)

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2 This is to certify that the foregoing transcript
3 was duly recorded and accurately transcribed under
4 my direction; further, that said transcript is a
5 true and accurate record of the proceedings; and
6 that I am neither counsel for, related to, nor
7 employed by any of the parties to this action in
8 which this matter was taken; and further that I am
9 not a relative nor an employee of any of the parties
10 nor counsel employed by the parties, and I am not
11 financially or otherwise interested in the outcome
12 of the action.

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