



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

2 11:52 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let me now do  
4 our Legal Agenda. The first matter on our Legal  
5 Agenda is a review of an Offer in Compromise.

6 This is Seman Kwik, K-W-I-K, Shop.  
7 This is in Case Number 25-ULC-00079, and the  
8 Offer in Compromise is as follows.

9 Number one, products not to be  
10 offered, exchanged, or sold. Respondent  
11 confirmed that the C7 cannabis or cannabis  
12 products, and agrees to not offer, exchange, or  
13 sell either in the store or online, the following  
14 products.

15 Cannabis or cannabis derived  
16 products, including all cannabinoids, hemp, CBD,  
17 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, THC-A and THC-2  
18 creatinine, and three, any Schedule I substances  
19 including psychedelic mushrooms and  
20 dimethyltryptamine DMT.

21 Number two, fine. Respondent agrees  
22 to pay a fine of \$1,500.00 within 30 days of the  
23 Board's approval of the OIC.

24 If this fine is not paid in that  
25 time, the summary closure will remain in effect

1 until the fine has been paid.

2           Number three, notice. Respondent  
3 agrees that the matter constitutes a violation of  
4 DC Code Section 7-1671.08(f), and a subsequent  
5 violation of DC Code Section 7-1671.08(f) may be  
6 grounds for the Board to issue respondent a fine  
7 up to \$20,000.00 under DC Code Section 7-  
8 1671.08(f)(2)(a).

9           Four, inspection. Respondent agrees  
10 to allow ABCA investigators to inspect the entire  
11 premises of the business during those hours that  
12 it is open to the public, to verify that the  
13 business is not selling those products listed in  
14 paragraph 1.

15           Five, lifting of summary closure.  
16 The summary closure will remain in effect until  
17 the Board is satisfied that requirements of  
18 paragraph 2, have been fulfilled.

19           Three, return of keys. ABCA shall  
20 make the keys to the premises available to  
21 respondent for pickup at its office, or at  
22 another mutually agreed upon time, date, and  
23 location, upon approval of the Offer in  
24 Compromise by the Board, and payment of the  
25 \$1,500.00 fine.

1 I, therefore make a motion that the  
2 Offer in Compromise be accepted. Is there a  
3 second?

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

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

9 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Quinn?

11 MEMBER QUINN: Ms. Quinn, I agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

13 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I  
14 agree.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

16 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson,  
18 I agree. The matter passes 5-0.

19 All right, so let's move on to our  
20 Licensing Agenda.

21 (Pause.)

22 The first agenda we'll be doing today  
23 is the Alcohol Licensing Agenda. On the Alcohol  
24 Licensing Agenda, there are two applications.

25 I'll review all the names, both

1 names, and then I'll make recommendations and a  
2 motion to ask the Board to approve the  
3 recommendations as put forth by the Chair.

4 The first matter is Review  
5 Application for a Stipulated License with Letter  
6 ANC support, for a New ABC License.

7 This is Inspir Embassy Row, License  
8 Number 134378, recommendation approval.

9 Number two, Review Request to Update  
10 the business address of record for the catering  
11 company to 345 Smith Street, Brooklyn, New York  
12 11231.

13 This is for Emma's Torch, T-O-R-C-H,  
14 License Number 126463, recommendation approval.

15 I, therefore make a motion that the  
16 ABC Board members vote to approve the  
17 recommendation as put forth by the Chair, for the  
18 Alcohol Licensing Agenda. Is there a second?

19 MEMBER QUINN: Ms. Quinn, I second.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Quinn has  
21 second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote.

22 Mr. Grant?

23 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Quinn?

25 MEMBER QUINN: Ms. Quinn, I agree.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

2 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I  
3 agree.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

5 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, Mr.  
7 Anderson, I agree. The matter passes 5-0.

8 We now move to the Alcohol Licensing  
9 Supplemental Agenda. Number one on this agenda,  
10 Review Application for a Stipulated License with  
11 Letter of ANC support.

12 This is Calico, License Number  
13 104594. I make a motion that we approve this  
14 letter of stipulated license. Is there a second?

15 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I  
16 second.

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

20 Mr. Grant?

21 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Quinn?

23 MEMBER QUINN: Ms. Quinn, I agree.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

25 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I

1 agree.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

3 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, Mr.  
5 Anderson, I agree. The matter passes 5-0.

6 (Pause.)

7 We now move to our Cease and Desist  
8 Agenda. The ABC Board will be issuing orders to  
9 cease and desist, to the following licenses for  
10 the reasons outlined before, below.

11 Rush, License Number 134289. The  
12 licensee's renewal payment check was returned,  
13 and alternative payment was not submitted.

14 I, therefore make a motion that the  
15 Board issue a Cease and Desist Order to Rush. Is  
16 there a second?

17 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I second  
18 the motion.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones 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: Ms. Quinn?

24 MEMBER QUINN: Ms. Quinn, I agree.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

1 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I  
2 agree.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

4 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson,  
6 I agree. The matter passes 5-0.

7 Let's now move to the Board's  
8 Temporary License and One-Day Substantial Change  
9 Docket.

10 On this docket, there are four  
11 applications. I will review all applications,  
12 put forth recommendations, and at the end I'll  
13 make a, I'll ask that a motion be made to approve  
14 the recommendations put forth by the Chair.

15 So number one is a request from  
16 Nebiyou Haile, and the name is spelled N-E-B-I-Y-  
17 O-U the second name is Haile, H-A-I-L-E.

18 And, this is a request for a One-Day  
19 License Class G for a holiday party. This is  
20 December 24 through December 27.

21 The license number is 134733. 200  
22 attendees, 6 security guards, recommendation  
23 approval.

24 Number two, a request from Whitlow's  
25 soccer viewing and One-Day Substantial Change.

1           The nature of the substantial change,  
2 seeking to change hours of operation for soccer  
3 match.

4           This is on December 20. The license  
5 number is 082871. The Substantial Change License  
6 25-SC-01341. Recommendation, approval.

7           The other two matters on this agenda,  
8 I will be making some retroactive approval for  
9 these events that have already occurred.

10           Number three, a request from Dominic  
11 Charles for a One-Day License Class F. This was  
12 for a wedding.

13           This was December 13. The license  
14 number is 134732. 100 attendees, two security  
15 guards, recommendation retroactive approval.

16           Number four, Tiffany C. Hindsworth, a  
17 One-Day License Class G, tasting. This also was  
18 December 13.

19           The license number is 134734. There  
20 were 200 attendees, 6 security guards, and the  
21 recommendation is retroactive approval.

22           I, therefore make a motion that the  
23 ABC Board members vote to approve the  
24 recommendation as put forth by the Chair on the  
25 Board's Temporary One-Day Substantial Change

1 Docket. Is there a second?

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

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant 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: Ms. Quinn?

9 MEMBER QUINN: Ms. Quinn, I agree.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

11 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I  
12 agree.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

14 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, Mr.  
16 Anderson, I agree. The matter passes 5-0.

17 (Pause.)

18 We now move to the Board's Alcohol  
19 License Administrative Docket. And on this  
20 docket there are 13 applications.

21 And without objection, I make a  
22 motion that the ABC Board members vote to approve  
23 the Board's Administrative Licensing, the Alcohol  
24 License Administrative Docket for Wednesday,  
25 December 17. Is there a second?

1 MEMBER QUINN: Ms. Quinn, I second.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Quinn has  
3 second the motion. We'll have a roll call vote.

4 Mr. Grant?

5 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Quinn?

7 MEMBER QUINN: Ms. Quinn, I agree.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

9 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I  
10 agree.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

12 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, Mr.  
14 Anderson, I agree. The matter passes 5-0.

15 Now let's move to the Medical  
16 Cannabis Licensing Agenda. There is one request  
17 on this agenda, which is the Review of Request to  
18 Cancel Standard Application Internet Retailer  
19 License.

20 This is for Vibez, V-I-B-E-Z, License  
21 Number 127597. I make a motion that ABC Board  
22 vote to cancel this license. Is there a second?

23 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I  
24 second.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows

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

3 Mr. Grant?

4 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Quinn?

6 MEMBER QUINN: Ms. Quinn, I agree.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

8 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I  
9 agree.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

11 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, Mr.  
13 Anderson, I agree. The matter passes 5-0.

14 Now, let's go to our Medical Cannabis  
15 License Administrative Docket. And on this  
16 docket, there are seven requests. I will just,  
17 seven applicants.

18 I will state the applicant, the class  
19 category, and make recommendations and at the  
20 end, I'll make a, I'll ask that a motion be  
21 raised for the ABC Board members to approve the  
22 recommendations as put forth by the Chair.

23 So number one, there is a request.  
24 The applicant was Aurora Enterprises LLC. This  
25 is a medical cannabis retailer with delivery,

1 educational tasting, and safe-use treatment  
2 facility endorsement. Recommendation, approval.

3 Number two, are trade name Medz, M-E-  
4 D-Z, License Number 128694. This is a medical  
5 cannabis retailer with delivery endorsement.

6 Remove ownership interest. Remove  
7 Bikram, B-I-K-R-A-M, Singh. Recommendation  
8 approval.

9 Number three, another request from  
10 Medz, M-E-D-Z, License Number 128694. This is a  
11 medical cannabis retailer with delivery  
12 endorsement.

13 Add ownership interest. And it's to  
14 add Amanuel A-M-A-N-U-E-L Tensaye, T-E-N-S-A-Y-E.  
15 Recommendation, approval.

16 Number four, another request from  
17 Medz, M-E-D-Z, License Number 128694. Medical  
18 cannabis retailer with delivery endorsement.

19 Add ownership interest, and the name  
20 is M-U-H-A-N-E-D Siddiek, S-I-D-D-I-E-K, Eisa, E-  
21 I-S-A. Recommendation, approval.

22 Number five, Say High, License Number  
23 128727. This is a medical cannabis retailer with  
24 delivery endorsement.

25 New application - social equity

1 applicant. The recommendation of fact finding.

2 Number six, Produce, License Number  
3 127844. Medical cannabis retailer with delivery,  
4 and safe-use treatment facility endorsements.

5 New application - social equity  
6 applicant. Recommendation, approval.

7 Number seven, Local'D, License Number  
8 127945. Medical cannabis internet retailer.

9 New application - social equity  
10 applicant. Recommendation, approval.

11 I, therefore make a motion that ABC  
12 Board members vote to approve recommendations as  
13 put forth by the Chair for the Medical Cannabis  
14 Licensing Administrative docket. Is there a  
15 second?

16 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I second  
17 the motion.

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

20 Mr. Grant?

21 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Quinn?

23 MEMBER QUINN: Ms. Quinn, I agree.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

25 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I

1 agree.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

3 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, Mr.  
5 Anderson, I agree. The matter passes 5-0.

6 We're now at the end of our agenda  
7 items for the day. And if there is no more  
8 business, I will now close the record for the  
9 day.

10 As Chairperson of the Alcoholic  
11 Beverage and Cannabis Board for the District of  
12 Columbia, and in accordance with Title 3, Chapter  
13 4(5), Office of Open Government, I move that ABC  
14 Board hold a closed meeting on January 7, 2026,  
15 for the purpose of discussing and hearing reports  
16 concerning ongoing, or planned investigations of  
17 alleged criminal or civil misconduct, or  
18 violations of law or regulations, and seeking  
19 legal advice from our legal counsel on the  
20 Board's Investigative Agenda, Legal Agenda, and  
21 Licensing Agenda for January 7, 2026, as  
22 published in the D.C. Register on January 2,  
23 2026.

24 Is there a second?

25 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I second

1 the motion.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has  
3 second the motion. I will now take a roll call  
4 vote on the motion before us now that it's been  
5 properly second.

6 Mr. Grant?

7 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Quinn?

9 MEMBER QUINN: Ms. Quinn, I agree.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?

11 MEMBER MEADOWS: Mr. Meadows, I  
12 agree.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

14 MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones, I agree.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, Mr.  
16 Anderson, I agree.

17 As the motion has passed, I hereby  
18 give notice that ABC Board will hold this closed  
19 meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

20 Notice will also be posted on the ABC  
21 Board hearing room bulletin boards, placed on  
22 electronic calendar on ABCA's website, and  
23 published in D.C. Register in as timely a manner  
24 as practical.

25 We now adjourn for the day. I want

1 to thank the members of the public who  
2 participated in our hearings today, and also all  
3 our Board members who participated.

4 We're now adjourned for the day. I  
5 now ask all Board members to return to Executive  
6 Session for further action.

7 Good afternoon and thank you.

8 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
9 went off the record at 12:06 p.m.)

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5 is a true and accurate record of the proceedings;  
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7 nor employed by any of the parties to this action  
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9 I am not a relative nor an employee of any of the  
10 parties nor counsel employed by the parties, and  
11 I am not financially or otherwise interested in  
12 the outcome of the action.

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**record** 17:9**return** 17:5

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