

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD**

In the Matter of:

Proper Exotic, LLC
t/a Proper Exotic

Applicant for a New
Medical Cannabis Retailer's License

at premises
313 8th Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Case No.: 25-PRO-00080
License No.: ABRA-128697
Order No.: 2025-908

BEFORE: Donovan Anderson, Chairperson
Silas Grant, Member
Teri Janine Quinn, Member
Ryan Jones, Member
David Meadows, Member

PARTIES: Proper Exotic, LLC, t/a Proper Exotic, Applicant

Meredith Kinner, Counsel, on behalf of the Applicant

Mike Velasquez, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A,
Protestant

Jay Adelstein, ANC 6C, Protestant

Andre Byers, Abutting Property Owner, Protestant

Janine Kritschgau, Property Owner (Directly Across), Protestant

La Shada Ham-Campbell, Day Care, Protestant

**ORDER DISMISSING THE PROTESTS FILED BY THE DAY CARE,
INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNER, ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNER, AND
ANC 6C**

The Application filed by Proper Exotic, LLC, t/a Proper Exotic (Applicant), for a New Medical Cannabis Retailer's License, having been protested, was scheduled for a Roll Call Hearing before the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board) on September 8, 2025, and September 15, 2025.

At the Roll Call Hearing, Protestants ANC 6A, ANC 6C, and an abutting property owner were granted standing to protest the Application. The Board's Agent dismissed Protestant Janine Kritschgau on September 15, 2025, because she did not qualify as the property owner or commercial tenant as required by D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.06g(a)(2). On the same day, the Board's Agent dismissed the Day Care Protestant because the Protestant failed to appear and failed to state valid grounds to protest; therefore, dismissal is warranted for failing to appear and for the protest lacking sufficient substance pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.06g(b) and 22-C DCMR § 5432.5 (Notice of Eighth Emergency Rulemaking).

The Board further dismisses the Protest of ANC 6C and the Abutting Property owner for failing to appear at the Status Hearing on September 17, 2025. 22-C DCMR § 5433.3 (Notice of Eighth Emergency Rulemaking). The Board reviewed its records after the parties that appeared indicated that notice of the hearing may not have been sent to these parties. Nevertheless, an email from the agency's Legal Division sent on September 12, 2025, to the Applicant, Commissioner Jay Adelstein, Commissioner Velasquez, and Andre Byers, contained a PDF notice of the status hearing occurring on September 17, 2025.¹ In addition, the agency's legal division sent links for the hearing to these participants by email on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

ORDER

Therefore, the Board does hereby, this 17th day of September 2025, hereby **DISMISSES** the protests of ANC 6C (Commissioner Adelstein), Andre Byers (Abutting Property Owner), Janine Kritschgau (Property Owner), and La Shada Ham-Campbell (Day Care). The dismissed parties may file for reinstatement within 10 calendar days pursuant to 22-C DCMR § 5434.3 (Notice of Eighth Emergency Rulemaking).

The Board **ADVISES** the parties that, based on this Order, ANC 6A (Commissioner Velasquez) is the sole remaining party.

Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Parties.

¹ The Legal Division generated and sent a separate notice to ANC 6A on September 15, 2025; however, this appears to have just corrected a typo leaving off ANC 6A in the caption of the original notice and did not impact the notice to the other parties.

District of Columbia
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board

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Donovan Anderson, Chairperson



Silas Grant, Jr., Member

Teri Janine Quinn

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Ryan Jones, Member



David Meadows, Member

Any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration, 899 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 4200-A, Washington, D.C. 20002. Also, pursuant to § 11 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, Pub. L. 90-614, 82 Stat. 1209, D.C. Code § 2-510 (2001), and Rule 15 of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, a party that is adversely affected may have the right to appeal this Order by filing a petition for review, within 30 days of the date of service of this Order, with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, located at 430 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Parties are advised that the timely filing of a Motion for Reconsideration stays the time for filing a petition for review in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals until the Board rules on the motion. See D.C. App. Rule 15(b) (2004). Parties are further advised that the failure to present all matters of record that have allegedly been erroneously decided in a motion for reconsideration may result in the waiver of those matters being considered by the Board. The Board also reserves the right to summarily deny or not consider multiple and repetitive motions.

Parties are also advised that the Superior Court of the District of Columbia may have jurisdiction to hear appeals in non-contested cases or in matters where that court is specifically provided jurisdiction by law. Finally, advisory neighborhood commissions (ANCs) are advised that their right to appeal or challenge a decision of the Board may be limited by the laws governing ANCs. *See e.g.*, D.C. Code § 1-309.10(g).