

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

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<b>In the Matter of:</b>	)	
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The Upper Room DC, LLC	)	
t/a The Upper Room DC	)	
	)	Case No.: 25-CMP-00111
Holder of a	)	License No.: ABRA-128599
Retailer's Class CR License	)	Order No.: 2026-500
	)	
at premises	)	
1360 H Street, NE	)	
Washington, DC 20002	)	

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**BEFORE:** Donovan Anderson, Chairperson  
Silas Grant, Jr., Member  
Ryan Jones, Member  
David Meadows, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** The Upper Room DC, LLC, t/a The Upper Room DC, Respondent  
  
Betsy McMullen, Assistant Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

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**ORDER APPROVING THE OFFER-IN-COMPROMISE**

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The above-mentioned parties have petitioned the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board) to approve an offer-in-compromise (OIC) to settle one or more violations of Title 25 of the D.C. Official Code (Title 25) and Title 23 of the D.C. Municipal Regulations (Title 23) in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 2-509(a).

## ORDER

Therefore, on this 13th day of May 2026, the Board **APPROVES** the OIC appended to this Order. The terms of the OIC are as follows:

1. The Respondent admits to violations of the statutes or regulations listed in the OIC attached to this Order.
2. The Respondent shall follow and abide by the terms and conditions of the attached OIC in accordance with D.C. Official Code §§ 2-509(a), 25-447(f), and 25-823(a)(6).
3. The Respondent waives all rights to notice or appearance before the Board.
4. The Respondent waives the right to a hearing, call witnesses, present evidence, and otherwise contest the charges as provided in Title 25 and Title 23.
5. The Respondent waives the right to judicial review or appeal of this Order. The Respondent further agrees not to collaterally attack the disposition imposed by this Order.
6. The parties agree that the attached OIC constitutes the entire agreement of the parties.

The Show Cause Hearing in this matter is cancelled. The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) shall deliver copies of this Order to the Government and the Respondent.

District of Columbia  
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board

eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com  
*Donovan Anderson*  
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Donovan Anderson, Chairperson



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Silas Grant, Jr., Member

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Teri Janine Quinn, Member



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Ryan Jones, Member



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David Meadows, Member

Any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision or other motion permitted by law within ten days of service of this Order. If a motion is filed, the opposing party may file a response within seven days. If a response is filed, the movant may file a reply within three days. All filings should be served on all parties to the matter and delivered to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration, 899 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 4200-B, Washington, D.C. 20002, or sent by email to [abca.legal@dc.gov](mailto:abca.legal@dc.gov). Parties are further advised that the failure to properly serve the other parties or 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.

In addition to filing a Motion for Reconsideration, pursuant to § 11 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, Pub. L. 90-614, 82 Stat. 1209, D.C. Official 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 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).

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



IN THE MATTER OF:  The Upper Room DC, LLC, t/a The Upper Room  Respondent.	Case No. 25–CMP-00111 License No. 128599 Retailer Class CR
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**OFFER IN COMPROMISE FOR BOARD APPROVAL**

The District of Columbia, jointly with the licensee (Respondent), submits this Offer in Compromise (OIC) to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board), as authorized by 23 DCMR § 1611.5, for approval by the Board.

The Parties understand that if the Board approves the OIC, this case (25–CMP–00111) will conclude. Respondent will be obligated to abide by the terms of the OIC shown below. If the Board does not approve the OIC, this matter will proceed to a Show Cause Hearing.

Respondent has been advised that there is no obligation to accept an OIC. Respondent has been advised, through service of the Notice of Show Cause Hearing, that at any Show Cause Hearing or other proceeding, Respondent may be represented by legal counsel, have subpoenas issued to require the production of witnesses and evidence, produce witnesses and evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and apply to the Board for a qualified interpreter.

The OIC terms are as follows.

Charge I: Failed to follow Security Plan (first primary tier violation).

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 25-823(a)(6).

Fine: \$1,000 fine within thirty (30) days or its license shall be suspended indefinitely until this fine is paid.

Charge II: Interfered with an investigation by providing false statements (first primary tier violation).

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code §§ 25-823(a)(5) & (a)(10)(A).

Outcome: Warning.

Charge III: No ABC Manager (second secondary tier violation within two years).

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 25-701.

Outcome: Dismissed.

Dated: May 8, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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**CONSENT OF RESPONDENT**

By this Offer in Compromise, I agree to accept and perform its terms. I acknowledge the validity of the OIC and waive further litigation including the motion of reconsideration to which I would have a right under 23 DCMR § 1719.1. I also recognize that I am waiving any right to appeal an adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing. By this settlement, I waive all such rights. I sign this OIC without reservation, and I fully understand its meaning and my rights.



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DeShayla Sherod-Bost, Owner  
The Upper Room DC, LLC t/a The Upper Room  
Respondent

5/08/2026

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DATE

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On May 8, 2026, I served the foregoing Offer in Compromise for Board Approval by email to:

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