

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

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In the Matter of:	)	
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Hookah Union, LLC	)	Case No.: 24-ULC-00032
t/a Yerba Buena	)	License No.: N/A
	)	Order No.: 2024-716
Cease and Desist	)	
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at premises	)	
1807 14th Street, N.W.	)	
Washington, D.C. 20009	)	

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

**PARTIES:** Cameron Mixon, Counsel, on behalf of Hookah Union, LLC, t/a Yerba Buena, and Wendrad Adane, Respondents  
  
Mr. 1807 14th Street Retail LLC, Landlord Respondent

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**ORDER AFFIRMING CEASE AND DESIST**

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On September 25, 2024, the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board) reviewed compelling evidence that Hookah Union, LLC, t/a Yerba Buena, Wendrad Adane, and Mr. 1807 14th Street Retail LLC engaged in a violation of Chapter 16B of Title 7 of the D.C. Official Code or permitted such illegal activity to occur. These persons and entities were hereby ordered to cease the illegal purchase, sale, exchange, delivery, or any other form of commercial transaction involving cannabis immediately.

After receiving a request for a hearing, the Board heard the presentation of Hookah Union, LLC, t/a Yerba Buena, and Wendrad Adane (collectively, the “Respondents”) on October 16, 2024. At the hearing, the Respondents represented that they had ceased the illegal activity and requested the lifting of the Board. The Respondents also did not challenge the Board’s findings in Board Order No. 2024-661.

The Board rejects the request because mere cessation of the illegal activity is not sufficient to merit lifting of the cease-and-desist order. The Board notes that a cease-and-desist

order merely provides notice that future illegal cannabis activity may be subject to the filing of an action in Superior Court, padlocking of the premises, and other enforcement actions authorized by Title 7 of the D.C. Official Code. There is also no guarantee that this activity will not resume if the order is lifted.

The Board further rejects the request to lift the cease-and-desist order because the facts show that the Respondents' business ignored an initial warning, which supports the Board's view that there is a reasonable risk of recidivism in this case. *Board Order No. 2024-661*, at ¶¶ 2-3. The Board further notes that there is no risk of harm in maintaining the order, as the business has not been closed and other legal business activity may occur on the premises.

## **ORDER**

Therefore, the Board, on this 6th day of November 2024, hereby **AFFIRMS** Board Order No. 2024-661 and rejects the relief requested by the Respondents. Board Order No. 2024-661 shall remain in full force and effect. The parties are further advised that the cease and desist order pertains to illegal cannabis activity conducted online or through social media. A copy of this Order shall be provided to the parties.

District of Columbia  
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board<sup>1</sup>

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Donovan Anderson, Chairperson



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Silas Grant, Jr., Member

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Ryan Jones, Member

*David Meadows*

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David Meadows, Member

Pursuant to 22-C DCMR § 9723, any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street, NW, 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009.

Also, pursuant to section 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, any party adversely affected has the right to appeal this Order by filing a petition for review, within thirty (30) days of the date of service of this Order, with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 430 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. However, 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).

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<sup>1</sup> Board Member Short is no longer a member of the Board, and all participating Board members are participating in this case in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 2-509(d) after having familiarized themselves with the record.