

# LAST CALL



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## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD — NEW MEMBERS

**O**n Wednesday, January 11, 2012, the agency welcomed two new faces on the Dias of the ABC Board (Board). On December 6, 2011, the Council of the District of Columbia confirmed Ruthanne G. Miller, Esq. as Chairperson and L. Jeannette Mobley as a Board member. The ABC Board is now at full capacity with seven members.

Ruthanne Miller is a long-time resident of Cleveland Park in Ward 3. Ms. Miller has served as an ANC Commissioner for ANC 3C as well as a member of the Board of Zoning Adjustment. She was admitted to the D.C. Bar in 1982. Her background reflects her commitment to the preservation of her community and the District of Columbia.

Jeannette Mobley is a long-time resident of Brookland in Ward 5. Ms. Mobley served under Mayor Anthony Williams performing work as a member of the Local Business Opportunity Commission. She is a business owner in the

areas of Human Resources, Civil Rights Law, EEO, and Alternative Dispute Resolution. Her background reflects her commitment to the prevention of child abuse and neglect as a member of the DC Children's Trust Fund and to the District of Columbia.

Here are the current and new Board Members and the Wards that they represent.

Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson, Ward 3  
Nick Alberti, Member, Ward 6  
Donald Brooks, Member, Ward 1  
Herman Jones, Member, Ward 8  
Calvin Nophlin, Member, Ward 7  
Mike Silverstein, Member, Ward 2  
Jeannette Mobley, Member, Ward 5

*The Board's Hearing Room has a new look, as well. There is a new sound system, flat screens filming the hearings, and each Board Member has a monitor in front of them to view the public.*

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- > ABC BOARD — NEW MEMBERS
- > RENEWAL OF CLASS A LICENSE
- > DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
- > COMPLIANCE PROGRAM
- > EXTENDED HOURS OF OPERATION
- > ABC BOARD HEARINGS CALENDAR 2012

## RENEWAL OF RETAILERS' CLASS A LICENSE

The holders of Class A licenses (Off-Premise Retailer, Wholesaler, and Manufacturer) are reminded that they have until March 31, 2012, to renew their liquor license. Payments are required to be made in person at ABRA, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street, NW, 400S, Washington, DC 20009.

Any outstanding fines must be paid at the time of renewal. Checks, MasterCard, or Visa are accepted made payable to DC Treasurer. **NO CASH!!!** Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact ABRA at (202) 442-4423 and request to speak with Tiwana Hicks, Program Manager of the Licensing Division or e-mail her at [tiwana.hicks@dc.gov](mailto:tiwana.hicks@dc.gov).

For additional copies of the ABRA newsletter, please contact Cynthia Simms, Community Resource Officer at [cynthia.simms@dc.gov](mailto:cynthia.simms@dc.gov) or you may phone her at (202) 442-4496.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME EXTENSION OF HOURS ACT OF 2011

**E**ffective December 2, 2011, D.C. Law 19-45, the Daylight Savings Time Extension of Hours Act of 2011 (Act) became law. The Act amends section § 25-723 of the D.C. Code to extend the hours that on-premises alcoholic beverage licensees may operate during the beginning of daylight savings time. The Act allows eligible on-premise retailers to register with ABRA by March 1, 2012, to sell and serve alcoholic beverages during the beginning of daylight savings time between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m., on Sunday, March 11, 2012.

In order to be eligible for the additional hour, you either must: 1) not have a voluntary agreement or 2) possess a voluntary agreement without any restrictions on your closing hours. On-premise establishments with voluntary agreements containing restrictions on their closing hours are not eligible to register for the extended hours permitted under the Act.

To register with ABRA, you must complete and submit in person a "Daylight Savings Time Hour Extension Registration Form" by March 1, 2012. The fee to register is \$200. Written notification of registered li-

cencees permitted to operate during the extended hour will be submitted by ABRA 10 days prior to the beginning of daylight savings time to the Metropolitan Police Department. The fees collected by the agency will be used to fund the Reimbursable Detail Subsidy Program at ABRA. The Chief of Police may suspend a licensee's privilege to operate and sell or serve alcoholic beverages during the extended hour authorization if the licensee's operation presents a danger to the public health, safety, or welfare of the public.

Upon completion of your registration form, you will receive a separate daylight savings time license from ABRA that must be posted at your establishment next to your permanent license during the evening of Saturday, March 10, 2012, through the morning of Sunday, March 11, 2012. If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please contact ABRA's Program Manager of the Licensing Division, Tiwana Hicks at (202) 442-4423 or e-mail her at [tiwana.hicks@dc.gov](mailto:tiwana.hicks@dc.gov). You must submit the registration form and pay the registration fee to ABRA by March 1, 2012, to be eligible to operate and sell and serve alcoholic beverages during the extended hour permitted under the Act.

## SUCCESSFUL COMPLIANCE PROGRAM COMBATS SALES TO MINORS

Since Fiscal Year 2008, ABRA's Enforcement Division in conjunction with partners from the Metropolitan Police Department and the National Capitol Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking has conducted more than 4,000 compliance checks of ABC licensed establishments. Over the years, there has been a slight reduction in the sale of alcohol to minors during these compliance checks. ABRA would like to "congratulate" those licensees that have been vigilant in checking IDs and not selling alcohol to minors. Below are the agency statistics from FY 2008 to FY 2011.

FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL COMPLIANCE CHECKS	SALES	PERCENTAGE OF SALES	COMPLIANCE RATE
2008	1,033	151	14.61%	85.39%
2009	755	79	10.46%	89.54%
2010	1,277	129	10.10%	89.90%
2011	937	89	9.49%	90.51%

2009 – Drop in Percentage of Sales/Increase In Compliance Rate from 2008: .4.14%

2010 – Drop in Percentage of Sales/Increase In Compliance Rate from 2009: .36%

2011 – Drop in Percentage of Sales/Increase In Compliance Rate from 2010: .61%

## EXTENDED HOURS OF OPERATION

Extended hours reminder—Licensees may remain open one extra hour to sell and serve alcoholic beverages on the night before District of Columbia and Federal holidays. Licensees are eligible for this extension if: (1) They do not have a voluntary agreement; or (2) Their voluntary agreement does not have any restrictions on hours. This policy does not extend an establishment's permitted hours of entertainment, nor does it alter the two-hour kitchen requirement for restaurants prior to closing.

Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday is celebrated by the District of Columbia on Monday, January 16. DC and the Federal government offices will be closed. Therefore, qualifying licensees may extend their hours on Sunday evening, January 15, until 3:00 a.m. Monday morning (on-premises).

Presidents' Day is celebrated by the District of Columbia on Monday, February 20. DC and the Federal government offices will be closed. Qualifying DC licensees may extend their hours on Sunday evening, February 19, until 3:00 a.m. Monday morning (on-premises).

Feel free to visit the ABRA website to review the entire 2012 Extended Hours Calendar at [www.abra.dc.gov](http://www.abra.dc.gov).



ABC BOARD HEARINGS CALENDAR 2012



ABC Board Calendar

2012

Schedule

9:30 am Board Convenes  
 12:00 pm Lunch  
 1:00 pm Agenda Meeting  
 1:30 pm Board Re-Convenes

The ABC Board convenes **Every Wednesday** except on the following dates:

January 4 Winter Recess  
 May 30 Spring Recess  
 July 4 Federal Holiday  
 August 22 Summer Recess  
 August 29 Summer Recess  
 September 5 Summer Recess  
 November 21 Thanksgiving  
 December 19 Winter Recess  
 December 26 Winter Recess

\* The recess dates are surrounded by a red box on the calendar.

\*\* Dates and times are subject to change with notice to the public.

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