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2 1:11 p.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon,  
4 everyone. As Chairperson of the Alcoholic  
5 Beverage Control Board for the District of  
6 Columbia, in accordance with D.C. Official Code  
7 Section 25764 of the Open Meetings Act, I'm  
8 welcoming you to an emergency meeting of the  
9 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

10 This meeting is being conducted  
11 pursuant to guidance made available by the  
12 District of Columbia's Office of Open Government  
13 regarding electronic meetings held by public  
14 bodies during the public health emergency.  
15 Pursuant to this guidance, notice of today's  
16 meeting was provided 48 hours in advance of the  
17 meeting on ABRA's website and on the District's  
18 central meeting calendar.

19 The notice included the time, date,  
20 agenda, and call-in or log-in information for  
21 public participation. This electronic meeting is  
22 being hosted by a WebEx account provided by the  
23 District of Columbia Government. Please address  
24 any questions or complaints to the OOG at  
25 [opengovoffice@dc.gov](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).

1 My name is Donovan Anderson, and I'm  
2 Chairman of the Board. I would like to introduce  
3 the other members of the ABC Board who are also  
4 participating electronically pursuant to the  
5 Mayor's Order 2020-054. Please respond when I  
6 announce your name. Mr. James Short?

7 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short  
8 present.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rema  
10 Wahabzadah?

11 MEMBER WAHABZADAH: Rema Wahabzadah  
12 present.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rafi  
14 Crockett?

15 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett  
16 present.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni  
18 Hansen?

19 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen present.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Ed  
21 Grandis?

22 MEMBER GRANDIS: Yes. Ed Grandis  
23 present.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has  
25 six members in attendance for the conduct of

1 business today and that constitutes a quorum.  
2 Our first order of business, we have our legal  
3 agenda. And there are two items on our legal  
4 agenda that we will address today.

5 In order to align our regulations with  
6 Mayor Muriel Bowser's new guidance for the start  
7 of Phase 2 on Monday, June 22nd, 2020, the Board  
8 will be considering the following two items on  
9 today's legal agenda. We will be adopting  
10 emergency rulemakings to allow for limited indoor  
11 seating under certain conditions. Under the new  
12 guidelines, establishments may offer indoor  
13 dining up to 50 percent capacity to seated type  
14 patrons only with tables placed so that the  
15 patrons are at least six feet apart. Parties of  
16 six persons preferably from this same household  
17 may be seated together.

18 All other Phase 1 guidelines, which  
19 went into effect on May 29th, 2020 continue to  
20 apply, including operating and service hours 8:00  
21 a.m. to midnight daily. Reservations, table  
22 spacing, face covering, food menu, and  
23 restrictions on standing close contact activities  
24 such as dancing and self-serve buffets.  
25 Additionally restaurants, taverns, and other on

1 premise retailers may continue to offer outdoor  
2 dining as part of Phase 2. Only those businesses  
3 wanting to add new or expanded outdoor seating in  
4 public and/or private space must register. New  
5 and expanded outdoor locations approved by the  
6 District may be used through midnight on October  
7 25th, 2020.

8 I am now going to go through our legal  
9 agenda, and I'm going to move that the Board  
10 adopt the first item on our legal agenda, which  
11 is the suspension of on premise alcohol sales and  
12 consumption due to public emergency notice of  
13 emergency rulemaking. Do I have a second?

14 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.

15 MEMBER CROCKETT: Second.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Both Ms.

17 Crockett and Mr. Short have seconded the motion.

18 I will now take a roll call vote on the motion  
19 that has been properly seconded. Mr. Short?

20 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

22 MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett, I  
23 agree.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Wahabzadah?

25 MEMBER WAHABZADAH: Rema Wahabzadah,

1 I agree.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

3 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis, I agree.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

5 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

7 Anderson, I agree. The matter therefore passes

8 6-0-0.

9 Now I move on our second legal agenda  
10 item. I move for the adoption of Item No. 2,  
11 which is the addition of outdoor seating on  
12 public and private space notice of second  
13 emergency rulemaking. Do I have a second?

14 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
16 seconded the motion. I will now take a roll call  
17 vote on the motion now that has been properly  
18 seconded. Mr. Short?

19 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

21 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

23 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I

24 agree.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

1 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis, I agree.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Wahabzadah?

3 MEMBER WAHABZADAH: Rema Wahabzadah,  
4 I agree.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.  
6 Anderson, I agree. The matter therefore passes  
7 6-0-0. I want to thank the Board for being  
8 available today for this emergency meeting so we  
9 can pass these rulemakings to allow businesses  
10 within the District of Columbia to move within  
11 Phase 2.

12 If there are no other matters, I will  
13 now move towards closing the meeting formally.  
14 As Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control  
15 Board for the District of Columbia in accordance  
16 with Title 3 Chapter 405, Office of Open  
17 Government, I move that ABC Board hold a closed  
18 meeting on June 24th, 2020 for the purpose of  
19 discussing reports concerns ongoing or planned  
20 investigations of alleged criminal activity,  
21 breaking of law or regulation and seeking legal  
22 advice from our legal counsel on the Board's  
23 investigative agenda, legal agenda, and licensing  
24 agenda for June 24th, 2020 as published in the  
25 D.C. Register on June 19th, 2020. Is there a

1 second?

2 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
4 seconded the motion. I will now take a roll call  
5 vote on the motion before us now that it has been  
6 seconded. Ms. Wahabzadah? Ms. Wahabzadah?

7 MEMBER WAHABZADAH: Rema Wahabzadah,  
8 I agree.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

10 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis, I agree.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short?

12 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

14 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

16 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I  
17 agree.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

19 Anderson, I agree. As it appears that the motion

20 has passed, I hereby give notice that the ABC

21 Board will hold this aforementioned closed

22 meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

23 Notice will also be posted on the ABC Board

24 hearing room bulletin board, placed on electronic

25 calendar on ABRA's website, and published in the

1 D.C. Register in as timely a manner as practical.

2 The Board has adjourned for the day.

3 I want to wish everyone a happy Juneteenth. Have

4 a great weekend. And we will see you next

5 Wednesday for our regularly scheduled meeting.

6 Have a great day. Thank you very much.

7 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter

8 went off the record at 1:20 pm.)

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