MINUTES

October 15, 2025 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held in-person at LAYC and virtually via Zoom. Commissioner Jeremy Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. In accordance with D.C. Official Code §§ 1–207.42 and 1–309.11(c) the meeting was properly noticed in advance and open to the public.

ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Commissioner Billy Easley, Secretary, proceeded with the roll call. The following Commissioners were marked as "present":

- SMD 1A01 – Jaspal Bhatia
- SMD 1A02 – Dieter Lehmann Morales
- SMD 1A04 – Jeremy Sherman
- SMD 1A06 – Anthony Thomas-Davis
- SMD 1A07 – Monte Achenbach
- SMD 1A08 – Shira Davidson
- SMD 1A09 – Daniella Kelley
- SMD 1A10 – Billy Easley

Carlo Perri (SMD 1A03) was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Sherman and passed by voice vote with no objections.

Public comments focused on concerns about noise from a local bar, Bodice, and the need for transparency regarding settlement agreements. The conversation ended with a presentation from Councilmember Brianne Nadeau, who provided updates on legislative work in Ward 1.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Commissioner Achenbach was nominated by Commissioner Miller. Commissioner Thomas-Davis nominated himself.

Commissioner Monte Achenbach was elected as the new secretary, replacing Commissioner Easley.

READING AND APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the September 17 Public Meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Sherman and passed by voice vote.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

No major updates.

GENERAL SPEECHES & PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Presentation from the new Faith Community Liaison, Charity Beam, who outlined her role and responsibilities across wards.
- Buddy's noise complaint: Two neighbors made complaints about noise coming from the establishment and focused on the need for transparency regarding settlement agreements. The conversation ended with a presentation from Councilmember Brianne Nadeau, who provided updates on legislative work in Ward 1.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL & EXECUTIVE

CM Brianne Nadeau provided updates on legislative work in Ward 1 and what it's done in the month since coming back from recess.

She provided updates on the stabilization center's progress, with an expected opening in summer 2026, and discussed the new vending zone management transition to the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection. She emphasized the importance of the public life study, which is delayed but nearing completion, and its impact on street vending legislation. Brianne also addressed concerns about DPW's trash collection delays, promising to investigate further and gather more data. The conversation ended with discussions on tenant rights, the Office of Clean City's new direction, and support for small businesses, with Brianne encouraging residents to weigh in on proposed amendments to the Tenant Opportunity Purchase Act.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items on consent agenda

NEW BUSINESS

- **R25-49: Resolution to Rescind Any and All Previously Adopted Standing Rules and Reaffirm the Primacy of Statutory and Bylaws-Based Governance.** *Sponsor(s): Commissioners Christine Miller*
    - ANC Commissioner Miller proposed a resolution to reaffirm the primacy of the commission's bylaws and rules, emphasizing the need for clarity and consistency in governance procedures. She highlighted the importance of documenting rules to ensure transparency and accessibility for all commissioners and residents. Commissioner Thomas-Davis expressed concerns about the resolution's potential to nullify existing rules and precedents, arguing that it contradicts the principles of stare decisis and representative democracy. The discussion touched on the need for a better understanding of parliamentary procedures and the role of the chairperson in interpreting rules.
    - **Vote on R25-49: Resolution passes.**
        - YEA: Davidson, Miller, Morales, Perri, Sherman, Bhatia, Achenbach
        - NAY: Thomas-Davis
        - ABSTAIN: Kelley

- **R25-50: Resolution Urging the Accountability and Identifiability of Federal Agents and Officers Operating in the District of Columbia.** *Sponsor(s): Commissioner Shira Davidson, Daniella Kelley*
    - The ANC passed a resolution urging accountability and identifiability of federal agents and officers operating in DC, with Commissioners Kelley and Davidson presenting the measure. The resolution calls for federal officers to remove masks, clearly identify their agency, and provide identification during arrests and public encounters, aligning with the mayor's Safe and Beautiful Emergency Operations Center order. While some commissioners expressed concerns about redundancy with existing measures and the need for concrete data on federal agency presence, the resolution passed with a voice vote, emphasizing its importance as a message to the community and federal partners.
    - **Vote on R25-50: Resolution passes by voice vote**
        - ABSTAIN: Easley

- **A25-06: Approval of Settlement Agreement with Buho's LLC t/a Buho's Restaurant (ABRA-133735), for a Renewal of a Class C Nightclub Alcoholic Beverage License** *Sponsor(s): Commissioner Jeremy Sherman*
    - The ANC approved a settlement agreement with Buho's LLC for the renewal of their Class C nightclub alcoholic beverage license, following discussions about noise complaints and security issues. Commissioner Sherman explained the agreement includes stricter provisions on noise suppression, security, and trash disposal, and noted that the business owner was cooperative in making improvements. Commissioner Davidson inquired about the process of enforcing settlement agreements, and ANC staff clarified that while the ANC cannot directly enforce the agreement, they can issue a notice to cure if repeated violations occur. The motion to approve the agreement passed .
    - **Vote on A25-06: Resolution unanimously passes by voice vote**

- **A25-07: Approval of Voluntary Agreement with The Wonderland Ballroom (ABRA-071202), for a Renewal of a Class C Nightclub Alcoholic Beverage License** *Sponsor(s): Commissioner Anthony Thomas-Davis*
    - The ANC discussed and approved a voluntary agreement for the renewal of Wonderland Ballroom's Class C nightclub license, which includes updated terms allowing outdoor seating during weekday lunch hours. Commissioner Thomas Davis shared positive feedback from local residents and explained the negotiation process.
    - **Vote on A25-07: Resolution unanimously passes by voice vote**

ADJOURNMENT

Prepared by: Mitra Moin on October 15, 2025

Approved on: November 19, 2025

Attested by the ANC 1A Secretary: