

**Council of the District of Columbia  
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
MEMORANDUM**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

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**TO:** Chairperson Phil Mendelson  
**FROM:** Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie   
**RE:** Request to Agendize Measures for the October 29, 2024, COW/Legislative Meeting  
**DATE:** October 24, 2024

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I write to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the October 29, 2024 Committee of the Whole, and for the Additional Legislative Meeting:

Confirmation Resolutions

- **PR25-0801, the “Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board Ryan L. Jones Confirmation Resolution of 2024”**

PR 25-801, the “Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board Ryan L. Jones Confirmation Resolution of 2024”, would confirm the appointment of Ryan L. Jones as a member of the ABC Board, for a term to end May 7, 2027. Ryan L. Jones is a DC-based attorney and litigator specializing in intellectual property law. Mr. Jones is the founder and principal of Washington, D.C.-based Ryan L. Jones Law, LLC, a law firm where he represents clients who need legal assistance for a variety of needs, including sports and entertainment. Mr. Jones served as an Associate Attorney General for Special Projects with the D.C. Office of the Attorney General, providing counsel to Attorney General Brian Schwalb. Before Mr. Jones served in the Attorney General’s office, he served as Director of Legislation and Policy at the D.C. Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment, as well as a Law Clerk with the American Psychiatric Association. A Ward 5 resident, Mr. Jones earned his Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Stony Brook University, his Juris Doctor from Southern Illinois University School of Law, and his Master of Laws from George Washington University Law School in Intellectual Property Law.

- **PR25-0803, the “Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board David Meadows Confirmation Resolution of 2024”**

PR 25-803, the “Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board David Meadows Confirmation Resolution of 2024”, would confirm the appointment of David Meadows as a member of the ABC Board, for a term to end May 7, 2028. David Meadows has an extensive history working in D.C. government and activism, having served in various capacities for 28 years. Mr. Meadows most recently served as the Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to Councilmember Anita Bonds, where he helped lead the Councilmember’s office and served as the point of contact for many businesses, nonprofits, and community members, assisting them in navigating District government. Mr. Meadows also served as the Executive Director of the D.C. Democratic Party. Mr. Meadows is very active in LGBTQ community advocacy at the local and national level and is considered a respected leader in his community. A Ward 8 resident, Mr. Meadows earned his bachelor’s degree from the College of Southern Maryland.

## Emergency Legislation

- **Medical Cannabis Clarification and Program Enforcement Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **Medical Cannabis Clarification and Program Enforcement Emergency Amendment Act of 2024**

The Council approved the Medical Cannabis Clarification and Program Enforcement Amendment Act of 2024, passed on 2nd reading on October 1, 2024 (Enrolled version Bill 25-581) (“permanent legislation”) to address clarifications and improvements to the District’s medical cannabis program. The permanent legislation repealed outdated emergency and temporary legislation. It is necessary that the repealers and the provisions of the permanent legislation take effect immediately to prevent any conflicts in the law.

The timely filed reports, draft emergency measures, and LSD are attached. Feel free to contact Legislative Director, Doni Crawford, at [dcrawford@dccouncil.gov](mailto:dcrawford@dccouncil.gov), with any questions.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Secretary  
Office of the General Counsel  
Office of the Budget Director