

**Council of the District of Columbia**  
**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

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**COUNCILMEMBER KENYAN R. MCDUFFIE, CHAIRPERSON**  
**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**ANNOUNCE A**  
**PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE ON**

**PR23-0685, THE “DEPUTY MAYOR FOR PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JOHN FALCICCHIO CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2020”**

**PR23-0762, THE “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD JAMES SHORT CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2020”**

**PR23-0763, THE “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD REMA WAHABZADAH CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2020”**

**Thursday, July 16, 2020, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Remote Hearing via Virtual Platform**  
**Broadcast live on DC Council Channel 13**  
**Streamed live at [www.dccouncil.us](http://www.dccouncil.us) and [entertainment.dc.gov](http://entertainment.dc.gov).**

On Thursday July 16, 2020, Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie, Chairperson of the Committee on Business and Economic Development, will hold a public roundtable to consider the following measures:

1. Proposed Resolution 23-0685, the “Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development John Falcicchio Confirmation Resolution of 2020”;
2. Proposed Resolution 23-0762, the “Alcoholic Beverage Control Board James Short Confirmation Resolution of 2020”; and
3. Proposed Resolution 23-0763, the “Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Rema Wahabzadah Confirmation Resolution of 2020”

Proposed Resolution 23-0685, the “Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development John Falcicchio Confirmation Resolution of 2020” would confirm the Mayor’s nominee, John Falcicchio, as Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (“DMPED”). Mr. Falcicchio has served as Interim Deputy Director for the agency since July 2019. Prior to this position, Mr. Falcicchio served as Chief of Staff to Mayor Bowser since the start of her Administration. As Chief of Staff, Mr. Falcicchio served the residence of the District by implementing policies and processes to achieve the Mayor’s vision for the City, as well as overseeing all communications and outreach efforts for the District Government. In 2014, Mr. Falcicchio served as Transition Director to then Mayor-elect Bowser, leading the effort to form a new Administration. Finally, Mr. Falcicchio has previously served as Senior for President of DKC,

a New York based public relations firm; as Regional Political Director for the Democratic National Committee during the re-election of President Obama; and as a long-time aide to former Mayor Adrian Fenty.

Proposed Resolution 23-0762, the “Alcoholic Beverage Control Board James Short Confirmation Resolution of 2020” would confirm the Mayor’s nominee, James Short, as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (“ABC Board”). James Short has served on the ABC Board since October 2013. Mr. Short is a creative leader with broad-based knowledge and experience in management. Mr. Short retired from service at the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Service Department after 33 years on the force. During his tenure, Mr. Short served for over 12 years in the Fire Marshall’s Office.

Proposed Resolution 23-0763, the “Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Rema Wahabzadah Confirmation Resolution of 2020” would confirm the Mayor’s nominee, Rema Wahabzadah, as a member of the ABC Board. Rema Wahabzadah is a current member on the ABC Board. Ms. Wahabzadah is a lawyer and business consultant in the District of Columbia and current works with Cary Rx, a District based pharmaceutical start-up that offers on-demand prescription delivery to District residents and healthcare facilities. Prior to this positions, Ms. Wahabzadah has previously worked as an Associate Attorney at Paul Strauss and Associates, PC. Ms. Wahabzadah has represented the District’s residents and businesses, in addition to serving as Legislative Counsel to the Statehood Initiatives Agency, an agency dedicated to the achievement of statehood for DC. Ms. Wahabzadah is a volunteer member of the Legal Committee, which drafted the New Columbia Statehood Constitution.

Anyone wishing to testify on the virtual platform must sign up in advance by contacting the Committee by e-mail at [BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.us](mailto:BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.us). Witnesses must provide their name, phone number or e-mail, organizational affiliation, and title (if any) by **5:00 p.m. on July 13, 2020**. The Committee will follow-up with remote witnesses to provide additional instructions on how to provide testimony through the web conferencing platform. All public witnesses will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to testify. At the discretion of the Chair, the length of time provided for remote testimony may be reduced or extended.

Witnesses are encouraged to submit written or oral testimony in advance of this proceeding. Written testimony should be submitted by e-mail to [BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.us](mailto:BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.us). Please indicate that you are submitting testimony for this proceeding in the subject line of the e-mail. Oral testimony should be submitted by phone by leaving a voicemail at (202) 430-5122. Please provide your name, phone number or e-mail, organizational affiliation, and title (if any) at the beginning of the message. The voicemail system limits oral testimony to three minutes and generates an automated transcript of the voicemail. **The record for this public roundtable will close at 5:00 p.m. on July 17, 2020.**

For accommodation requests, including spoken language or sign language interpretation, please inform the Committee by email of the need as soon as possible but no later than five (5) business days before the proceeding. The Council will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five (5) business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

Please contact Justin Roberts, Committee Director for the Committee on Business and Economic Development, at [jroberts@dccouncil.us](mailto:jroberts@dccouncil.us) for additional information on this proceeding.