DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF:

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NAI SATURN EASTERN, LLC, :

t/a Safeway

2845 Alabama Ave SE : Protest

Retailer B - ANC 7B : Hearing (Status)

License No. 097704 : Case #20-PRO-00059 :

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(Application to Renew : License) :

Thursday
January 7, 2021

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson, presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member JENI HANSEN, Member JAMES SHORT, JR., Member REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

SIMONE ANDREWS, ABRA Specialist JERRY MOORE TIFFANY BROWN, ANC 7B

1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S			
2	11:14 a.m.			
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Our			
4	next case is Case Number 20-PRO-00059, Safeway,			
5	License Number 097704. I believe that Ms. Brown			
6	is the ANC representative for Safeway, so Ms.			
7	Andrews, can you please elevate the rights of the			
8	Licensee and if there is any other representative			
9	on the line.			
10	MS. ANDREWS: Sure. Mr. Moore, your			
11	rights have been elevated. That's all, Mr.			
12	Chair.			
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, thank			
14	you. Mr. Moore, do you have a camera you can			
15	turn on? Or if not, we'll move on. I see that			
16	you're online.			
17	MR. MOORE: Should I do it?			
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Moore?			
19	MR. MOORE: Yes, I'm here.			
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, I can't see			
21	you. But if not, then that's fine.			
22	MR. MOORE: Yes.			
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.			
24	I'll have everyone introduce themselves for the			
25	record. I'll start with you, Mr. Moore. Can you			

1	introduce yourself for the record?			
2	MR. MOORE: Certainly, I'm Jerry A.			
3	Moore III, counsel to Safeway.			
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,			
5	Mr. Moore.			
6	MR. MOORE: Good morning.			
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Brown, can			
8	you please introduce yourself for the record,			
9	please?			
10	MEMBER BROWN: Sure, Tiffany L. Brown,			
11	ANC Commissioner, 7B-02, current ANC 7B vice-			
12	chair.			
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,			
14	thank you, Ms. Brown. I just want to remind both			
15	parties that there is also a mediation scheduled			
16	for this case on January 13th. I'm not sure what			
17	time, but I know there's a mediation scheduled			
18	for the Safeway matter on January 13th. All			
19	right. Mr. Moore, are there any preliminary			
20	matter you need to bring to the Board's			
21	attention?			
22	MR. MOORE: No, sir.			
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Brown, are			
24	there any preliminary matters you need to bring			
25	to the Board's attention?			

MEMBER BROWN: No, not at this time.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The Board is unable to provide a date and time for the protest hearing. But we will provide you a date as soon as possible when the protest hearing is scheduled for. I remind both parties that I encourage their participation in mediation, and I also encourage both parties that if the matter can be settled that they should settle the Because at least if the matter is matter. settled, then the parties can come up to a mutual agreement that both sides are happy. If the Board has to make a decision, then one side might be happy and the other side might not be happy. All right.

Okay, now that we have scheduled this matter for a protest hearing, there are a few things that I would like to instruct you about. Because the Board's practices under the COVID-19 restrictions have changed. As you know, the Board's hearings are conducted virtually. So it is more important than ever that every protest hearing is focused and addresses only those issues that are being protested.

Following in this hearing, you will be

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receiving and email from Assistant General
Counsel, April Randall, that will include a copy
of the protest information form, PIP, and a copy
of an exhibit form as well as specific
instructions for the hearing.

You are required to complete and submit the PIP and exhibit form at least seven days before the date of the hearing. If we do not receive a copy of your forms seven days before the hearing, your application or your protest may be subject to dismissal. These documents need to be submitted to abra.legal@dc.gov and to the opposing parties.

Please note that these documents greatly assist the Board in narrowing the protest issues, facilitating the process, and keeping the parties on point during the hearing. Each side is limited to no more than five witnesses, and you will only have 60 minutes to present your case. This includes all direct and cross examination. The Board does not intend to hear testimony on matters that are not relevant to those issues that are being protested. Are there any questions?

MR. MOORE: No, I -

1	(Telephonic interference.)			
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What time, do			
3	you know what time			
4	(Telephonic interference.)			
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: April			
6	Randall is on			
7	MS. ANDREWS: Oh, no, no, I'm sorry.			
8	It's the 13th at 1 o'clock. I did have that.			
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Moore -			
10	(Simultaneous speaking.)			
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: January 13th			
12	at 1 o'clock.			
13	MR. MOORE: Yes, thank you.			
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. We			
15	thank you greatly for your cooperation. If you			
16	have any questions at any time leading up to this			
17	hearing, please do not hesitate to contact			
18	Assistant General Counsel, April Randall, at 202-			
19	329-6354, or contact her by email at			
20	april.randall@dc.gov.			
21	I wish both sides good luck in your			
22	mediation. I also wish you good luck in your			
23	communication. And my view has always been I			
24	don't like protest hearings, because when we go			
25	to protest hearings someone is going to be			

1	unhappy. So at least if we think it's mediated
2	and a settlement agreement is reached, then at
3	least the community and the establishment will be
4	happy. So good luck, and have a great day.
5	Thank you very much.
6	MR. MOORE: Thank you, sir.
7	MEMBER BROWN: Thank you.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, bye-
9	bye.
10	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
11	went off the record at 11:20 a.m.)
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