

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Pako, LLC :
t/a Kovak's Liquors :
1237 Mount Olivet Road NE: Protest
Retailer A - ANC 5D : Hearing (Status)
License No. 106551 :
Case #24-PRO-00118 :
:
(Substantial Change - :
Request for Change :
of Hours) :
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Wednesday
January 15, 2025

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

PRESENT:
DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
SILAS GRANT, JR., Member
RYAN JONES, Member
DAVID MEADOWS, Member
TERI JANINE QUINN, Member

ALSO PRESENT:
JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff
KYUNG HWAN LEE, Licensee
SALVADOR SAUCEDA-GUZMAN, ANC 5D

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 11:12 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
4 on our calendar is Case number 24-PRO-00118,
5 Kovak's Liquors, License number 106551. Mr.
6 Orellana, can you please elevate the parties in
7 this case?

8 MR. ORELLANA: Kyung Hwan Lee, your
9 access has been elevated. And Salvador Saucedo-
10 Guzman, your access has been elevated. That
11 appears to be all, Chairman.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
13 Thank you.

14 MR. SAUCEDA-GUZMAN: Good morning,
15 Chair. Good morning, Board.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on one
17 minute, please. All right. Mr. Lee, can you
18 please spell and state your name for the record?

19 MR. LEE: Good morning, Board Members.
20 My name is Kevin Lee, K-E-V-I-N, last name L-E-E.
21 I'm representative for Kovak's Liquors.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

23 MR. LEE: Good morning.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Saucedo --

25 MR. SAUCEDA-GUZMAN: Saucedo-Guzman.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you please
2 spell and state your name for the record, and
3 your relationship to this case?

4 MR. SAUCEDA-GUZMAN: Yes, of course.
5 My name is Salvador Saucedo-Guzman. That's S-A-
6 L-V-A-D-O-R, S-A-U-C-E-D-A-G-U-Z-M-A-N. And I'm
7 the Chair for ANC 5D, and the representative for
8 this matter.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
10 Mr. Saucedo-Guzman. I'm trying my best to make
11 sure that I pronounce your --

12 MR. SAUCEDA-GUZMAN: And you all have
13 been doing a great job. Thank you for trying.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
15 Thank you, sir. Mr. Lee, are there any
16 preliminary matters in this case, sir?

17 MR. LEE: No.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Saucedo-
19 Guzman, any preliminary matters you want to bring
20 to the attention of the Board?

21 MR. SAUCEDA-GUZMAN: No. We are still
22 ongoing with negotiations, and only requesting
23 two community meetings before we notify the Board
24 of a potential release of a date for that final
25 hearing.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
2 fine. Thank you. Well if this matter's not
3 settled it is scheduled for a protest hearing on
4 February 26th, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

5 Because this is not a new license, so
6 if there, if the parties need some changes in the
7 date the Board will accommodate that, since it's
8 not a new license.

9 So I'll just say, as I stated before,
10 this matter is scheduled for a protest hearing on
11 February 26th, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

12 Just want to remind that parties that
13 seven days prior to the hearing that a PIF is
14 due. And there you should identify the documents
15 and witnesses that you will rely on at the
16 hearing.

17 If that is not done the Board is
18 empowered to prevent that side from relying on,
19 calling documents and witnesses that have not
20 been previously disclosed in a PIF.

21 And also want to remind the parties
22 that if this matter goes to a hearing, because
23 all our hearings are virtual you have 90 minutes
24 to present your case. And you're only able to
25 call five witnesses.

1 Any questions by anyone?

2 MR. LEE: No.

3 MR. SAUCEDA-GUZMAN: No questions.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

5 Well, thank you for your appearance today. Good
6 luck with your mediation. And if this matter can
7 be settled the Board support settlement. If not
8 then we will see you on February 26th, or at
9 another date mutually agreeable, agreed upon
10 date. Thank you very much for your appearance
11 today, and have a great day.

12 MR. LEE: Thank you.

13 MR. SAUCEDA-GUZMAN: Thank you so
14 much.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Bye,
16 bye.

17 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
18 went off the record at 11:16 a.m.)

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