

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Elmar, LLC, :
t/a Vision Lounge :
707 H Street NE : Protest Hearing
License #121350 : (Status)
Retailer CT - ANC 6A :
Case #22-PRO-00104 :
 :
(Application to Renew :
the License) :
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Wednesday
January 25, 2023

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

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member
JENI HANSEN, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

SALAMAWIT ADAL, Applicant
JORDAN BAUGH, Protestant (Group of Five or More)
DOUGLAS CROCKER, Applicant's Representative
CRYSTAL GEISE, Protestant (Group of Five or More)
GRAHAM GROSSMAN, ANC 6C
JOEL KELTY, ANC 6C
MARC KNOBBE, Protestant
JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABRA Staff

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

2 10:36 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
4 on our calendar is Case Number 22-PRO-00104,
5 Vision Lounge, license number 121350. Good
6 morning, Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate the
7 rights of the protestants, the ANC Group of Five
8 or More, abutting property owner in this case,
9 please.

10 MR. ORELLANA: Your access has been
11 elevated. Douglas Crocker, your access has been
12 elevated. Joel Kelty, your access has been
13 elevated. Graham Grossman, your access has been
14 elevated. And, Crystal Geise, your access has
15 been elevated. That appears to be all, Chairman.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. All
17 right, let me have the licensee, can the licensee
18 please identify himself by spelling and stating
19 his name for the record, please? Who's the
20 licensee in this case? Is there a Mr. Adal? I
21 see, S-E-L-A-M, Selam.

22 MS. ADAL: Yes.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sorry, Miss.
24 Are you the owner, ma'am? Do you have a camera
25 you can turn on, ma'am?

1 MS. ADAL: Okay, sir.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I still can't
3 see you, but if you don't have a camera.

4 MS. ADAL: Oh, you can't see me?

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, ma'am, I
6 can't see you, but I can hear you. All right,
7 now I can see you, good morning, ma'am. All
8 right, can you spell and state your name for the
9 record, ma'am, and your relationship to the
10 establishment?

11 MS. ADAL: My name is Salamawit Adal
12 S-A-L-A-M-A-W-I-T A-D-A-L.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's your
14 relationship to this establishment?

15 MS. ADAL: The owner of the business.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

17 MS. ADAL: You're welcome, sir.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, who
19 is Mr. Crocker? Mr. Crocker, can you identify
20 yourself for the record, please?

21 MR. CROCKER: Douglas Crocker and I am
22 a representative supporting or here representing
23 Vision Lounge.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, are you the
25 designated representative from this

1 MR. CROCKER: Yes, I am.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have a
3 camera, sir, you can turn on? I like to see
4 people that --

5 MR. CROCKER: Yeah.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If it's
7 possible, I like to see people.

8 MS. ADAL: My camera is showing me me,
9 but I don't know if it doesn't come to you?

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I'm not
11 seeing you anymore, ma'am. I saw you when you
12 introduced yourself for the record and now you've
13 disappeared, but --

14 MS. ADAL: Now, I see my camera is on.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I don't
16 see you, but I saw you before so we're fine. I
17 can see you now. So, Mr. Crocker, do you have a
18 camera that you can turn on, sir?

19 MR. CROCKER: Yeah, I'm trying to turn
20 it on now. I don't see where it will allow me to
21 turn it on. I just was able to unmute my
22 microphone, but I don't see how I can turn the
23 camera on, sorry.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
25 that's fine, sir. Let's have the ANC

1 representative identify, spell and state their
2 name for the record, please.

3 MR. KELTY: Good morning, this is
4 Commissioner Joel Kelty, ANC 6C. First name J-O-
5 E-L last name K-E-L-T-Y and the ANC is also
6 represented by Graham Grossman.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, Mr.
8 Grossman, I think you're on mute, so can you
9 spell and state your name for the record, please?
10 I see your mouth moving, sir, but I can't hear
11 you. Mr. Grossman, can you hear me? Yes, sir,
12 good morning I can hear you now.

13 MR. GROSSMAN: There we go
14 (Simultaneous speaking.)

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you please
16 spell and state your name for the record, please,
17 yes?

18 MR. GROSSMAN: Graham Grossman
19 representing ANC 6C. Graham is spelled G-R-A-H-
20 A-M Grossman G-R-O-S-S-M-A-N. Thank you, sir.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr.
22 Kelty, you're from ANC? What ANC are you from?

23 MR. KELTY: I'm from ANC 6C. I am the
24 single (Simultaneous speaking.)

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

1 (Simultaneous speaking.)

2 MR. KELTY: Member of District 6C05.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. So,
4 both of you are from ANC 6C, is that correct?

5 MR. KELTY: Yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. All
7 right, let's see, who is the designated
8 representative for the Group of Five or More?
9 Who is the designated representative?

10 MS. GEISE: This is Crystal Geise C-R-
11 Y-S-T-A-L G-E-I-S-E, on behalf of the Group of
12 Five.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
14 ma'am.

15 MS. GEISE: Good morning.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who is the
17 abutting property owner? Do we have the abutting
18 property owner here?

19 MS. ADAL: No, the property owner he's
20 not here.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the name
22 of the abutting property owner who is

23 MS. ADAL: It's Mark Knobbe and some
24 other gentleman.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. Mr.

1 Orellana, can you please announce to see if there
2 is anyone on the line who needs to be in this
3 case, who has been unable to log on to this case,
4 please?

5 MS. GEISE: David Baillat B-A-I-L-L-A-
6 T is the other abutting property owner. He is in
7 the waiting room.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: He's in the
9 waiting room? What's the last name, Baillat?

10 MS. GEISE: B-A-I-L-L-A-T.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Orellana,
12 can you please elevate the rights of Mr. David
13 Baillat B-A-I-L-L-A-T, I was told he's in the
14 waiting room and who is the other person?

15 MR. ORELLANA: He is not present in
16 the waiting room.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ma'am, I'm
18 sorry, Ms.?

19 MS. GEISE: Geise. (Simultaneous
20 speaking.) No, I said if he's in the waiting
21 room. I can't see the waiting room myself.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, I'm sorry
23 and who is other abutting property owner? Who is
24 that other person?

25 MS. GEISE: Marc Knobbe K-N-O-B-B-E.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, so David
2 Baillat and Mark Knobbe, they are the abutting
3 property owners?

4 MS. GEISE: Yes.

5 MR. ORELLANA: They are not present in
6 the waiting room.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so
8 they're not present in the waiting room and this
9 hearing was scheduled to start at 9:30, I'm
10 sorry, 10:30, it's 10:45. Everyone is here and
11 so, I see that we have -- I'll put a note in
12 chat, so I'll give them, it's 10:46, I'll give
13 them two more minutes, so it's 10:46, I'll wait
14 two more minutes to see whether or not they are
15 going to join or for them to identify themselves
16 in the waiting area that they are trying to
17 access this hearing. Who is Jordan Baugh? Who
18 is that person? I see there's a note. Who is
19 Jordan Baugh?

20 MS. GEISE: Jordan Baugh is one of the
21 Group of Five or More.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, so Mr.
23 Baugh, since you're here, can you please identify
24 yourself for the record, please, by spelling and
25 stating your name.

1 MR. BAUGH: Yes, Jordan Baugh J-O-R-D-
2 A-N B-A-U-G-H.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what's your
4 relationship to this case, sir?

5 MR. BAUGH: I am one of the Group of
6 Five residents who signed the petition.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
8 We'll wait one more minute to see if there's
9 anyone else in the waiting room or trying to
10 elevate who needs to be elevated. There's
11 another person, can you identify yourself?

12 There's another person who identified themselves
13 in the chat to say that they're here as, I guess,
14 the Group of Five or More. Okay, all right then.
15 All right, it's 10:48, we have called the case
16 for Vision Lounge. The licensee is here, ANC 6
17 is here, the Group of Five or More is here, the
18 abutting property owners are not here and it's
19 David D-A-V-I-D B-A-I-L-L-A-T and Marc K-N-O-B-B-
20 E, Marc Knobbe they were granted standing at the
21 roll call hearing as abutting property owners in
22 this hearing.

23 All parties were informed at the roll
24 call hearing that they must appear at the status
25 hearing. Since this hearing has been called and

1 the abutting property owners, David Baillat and
2 Mr. Marc Knobbe, are not here, I'll make a motion
3 that they be dismissed from this proceeding. Is
4 there a second?

5 MEMBER CROCKETT: Yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett
7 has seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll
8 call vote. Mr. Short?

9 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

11 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

13 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I
14 agree.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

16 MEMBER HANSEN: I agree.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

18 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I
19 agree.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, Mr.
21 Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 6-0-0. The
22 ABC Board has voted to dismiss both abutting
23 property owners from this proceeding based on
24 their failure to appear at the status hearing.

25 We will issue a decision dismissing

1 them from the case. They will have 10 days to
2 provide the Agency, this Board, with proper cause
3 why they failed to be at the hearing today. If
4 they are able to show proper cause why they were
5 unable to appear, we might vote to grant them
6 standing. If not, we will move forward.

7 All right, so the parties in this case
8 now are the ANC and the Group of Five or More.
9 Are there any preliminary matters that need to be
10 brought to the attention of the Board? Mr.
11 Crocker?

12 MR. CROCKER: Yes, I'm here.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I said, are
14 there any preliminary matters you need to the
15 attention of the Board, sir, on behalf of your
16 client?

17 MR. CROCKER: No, only that we had
18 some delays with regard to meeting with our ABRA
19 representative. She's been out on vacation for a
20 number of days as well as we requested our
21 Freedom of Information Act request for copies of
22 other settlement agreements that have been put in
23 place. We originally requested this information
24 from the ANC, but we have never received copies
25 of the other settlement agreements in place, so

1 we had to come to ABRA directly and submit a
2 Freedom of Information Act request, which has
3 kind of delayed our response.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Any
5 preliminary issues by the ANC?

6 MR. GROSSMAN: No, sir.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Group of
8 Five or More? Ms. Geise? Okay, thanks. This
9 matter is set for a protest hearing on February
10 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. So, February 15, 2023, a
11 protest hearing is scheduled for this case.

12 Now that we have scheduled this matter
13 for a protest hearing, there are a few
14 instructions that I would like to instruct you
15 about, because the Board's practices have
16 changed. As you know, the Board's hearings are
17 conducted virtually so it's more important than
18 ever that protest hearings are focused and
19 address only those issues that are being
20 protested.

21 Following this hearing, you will
22 receive an e-mail from ABRA Legal that will
23 include a copy of our Protest Information Form
24 (PIF) and a copy of an exhibit form as well as
25 specific instructions for the hearing. You are

1 required to complete and submit a PIF and exhibit
2 form at least seven days before the date of the
3 hearing. If we do not receive a copy of your
4 form seven days before the hearing, your
5 application or your protest may be subject to
6 dismissal. These documents need to be submitted
7 to ABRA Legal and to the opposing parties.
8 Please note that these documents greatly assist
9 the Board in narrowing the protest issues,
10 facilitating the process and keeping the parties
11 on point during the hearing.

12 I am stressing to remind all parties
13 that if this matter goes to a protest hearing,
14 seven days prior to the hearing you are required
15 to disclose documents and witnesses, meaning that
16 the ANC needs to send the document to the
17 licensee and the ANC also needs to send the
18 document to the Group of Five or More. The ANC
19 also needs to send those documents to the Agency
20 also. Mr. Crocker, on behalf --

21 MR. CROCKER: Yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You are
23 required seven days before the hearing, sir, to
24 send your PIF to the Agency, to send your PIF to
25 the ANC and to send your PIF to the Group of Five

1 or More. So, is it clear to everyone that seven
2 days prior to the hearing, you are required to do
3 that?

4 MR. CROCKER: Yes, I have one question
5 though. You said, Group of Five or More, do I
6 have to send it to all the Group of Five or is
7 there --

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The designated
9 representative, sir.

10 MR. CROCKER: Representative, okay,
11 thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You send it to
13 the designated representative because I'm
14 stressing this point because I do not want
15 parties at the hearing, if we go to a hearing, to
16 state that they were not aware that they were
17 supposed to submit their documents and witnesses
18 seven days prior to the hearing.

19 MR. GROSSMAN: Question for the Chair.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who is
21 speaking, please?

22 MR. GROSSMAN: Graham Grossman, ANC
23 6C. Just want to make sure all the instructions
24 will be included, any notaries needed, any formal
25 processes that will all be sent with the

1 documents, correct, sir?

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's -- just
3 give me one minute. I need to deal with an
4 issue. All right, I'm back. It's my
5 understanding that there is an abutting property
6 owner that is now on the line. Mr. Orellana, can
7 you please elevate that person. Let me connect
8 with that person.

9 MR. ORELLANA: (Simultaneous speaking.)
10 Mr. Knobbe, your rights have been elevated.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Knobbe, can
12 you please spell and state your name? I'm sorry,
13 Mr. Crocker, you're sharing your screen and I
14 don't know why you're sharing your screen, sir.
15 Mr. Orellana, can you please ensure that no
16 participant in this hearing has the ability to
17 share anything online please? Okay? All right,
18 Mr. Knobbe, can you please spell and state your
19 name for the record, sir?

20 MR. KNOBBE: Sure, my name is Marc
21 Knobbe, first name is M-A-R-C, last name is K-N-
22 O-B-B-E.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Just explain to
24 me, you're allegation is that you're an abutting
25 property owner. Is that correct?

1 MR. KNOBBE: Correct at 727 7th
2 Street, NE.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What happened
4 at the roll call hearing, sir? Just generally.

5 MR. KNOBBE: At the roll call hearing,
6 my husband was on that (Simultaneous speaking.)

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Roll call, the
8 first hearing, yes.

9 MR. KNOBBE: Oh, the roll call, the
10 first hearing I'll have to review the notes. My
11 husband was on that call, uh, I didn't make that
12 call.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so, I'm
14 sorry, were you on the call and he was
15 representing you on the call or was he
16 representing himself?

17 MR. KNOBBE: Himself, because he was
18 on the list of individuals protesting as well.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, but
20 you were not there, is that correct?

21 MR. KNOBBE: Correct.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We voted, the
23 Board just voted, to dismiss you, both you and
24 your husband as represented by you, I'm sorry,
25 what's your husband's name, sir?

1 MR. KNOBBE: David Baillat.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you spell
3 that for the record, please, sir?

4 MR. KNOBBE: D-A-V-I-D Baillat is B-A-
5 I-L-L-A-T.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Perfect, thank
7 you. All right. You had stated that you were
8 not at the roll call hearing. You're here today.
9 The Board just voted to dismiss both you and your
10 husband from this proceeding. (Simultaneous
11 speaking.) What I want to do, I'm sorry?

12 MR. KNOBBE: Proceed, go ahead.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, all
14 right, okay, thank you, sir.

15 MR. KNOBBE: Well, do you have any
16 comments or you said, I'm sorry, you said you
17 were going to make a decision --

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, you said
19 okay, so if you're not challenging the decision
20 then there's no decision for me to make, sir.

21 MR. KNOBBE: Oh, no. I was going to
22 challenge the decision, I was just responding to
23 -- I was acknowledging the dismissal, yes.
24 Sorry.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

1 There's some confusion. I need to review the
2 transcript from the roll call hearing, so what
3 I'm going to do is that I'm going to make a
4 motion that -- we had voted to dismiss you from
5 this case, but because your husband is not here,
6 that motion will stand because your husband is
7 not here and so, since you're here, I will make a
8 motion that we grant you conditional standing and
9 we'll ask the agents to provide more information.

10 So, the motion I'm going to make now
11 is that for the Board to grant Mr. Marc Knobbe
12 conditional standing in this case. We had
13 initially voted to dismiss him from the case, but
14 prior to the ending of this case, he appeared
15 online and so what I'm going to do is that I'm
16 going to make a new motion that we provide him
17 conditional standing in this case. Legal will do
18 further investigation to find out whether or not
19 we need to provide full standing to Mr. Knobbe
20 prior to the protest hearing. All right, so is
21 there a second? Mr. Grandis has seconded the
22 motion. We'll now have a roll call vote. Mr.
23 Short?

24 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

1 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

3 MEMBER CROCKETT: I disagree.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

5 (No audible reply.)

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

7 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I
8 agree.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, Mr.

10 Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 5-1 with
11 Ms. Crockett disagreeing. Therefore, we're going
12 to provide Mr. Knobbe conditional standing in
13 this matter. All right. So, as I've stated
14 before, this matter is scheduled for a protest
15 hearing, sir, on February 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.
16 and what I stated before is that each party,
17 seven days before the hearing, they are required
18 to have sent documents and witnesses and so now
19 that we have also granted conditional standing to
20 Mr. Knobbe, Mr. Crocker as the designated
21 representative for the licensee, you also need
22 now to file your PIF and provide a copy to Mr.
23 Knobbe and Mr. Knobbe, you also need to file, if
24 you're going to participate in this hearing and
25 to participate then if you have documents or

1 witnesses you're going to rely upon at the
2 hearing, you also need to provide this
3 information to the parties, seven days before the
4 hearing.

5 If we have a hearing, each side is
6 limited to no more than five witnesses and you
7 will only have 60 minutes to present your case.
8 This includes all direct examination. The Board
9 does not intend to hear testimony on matters that
10 are not relevant to those issues that are being
11 protested. Again, if this matter goes to a
12 protest hearing, the Board will ask the
13 protestants to designate one representative to
14 represent the protestant groups. We're not going
15 to have a case-in-chief by the ANC, a case-in-
16 chief by the abutting property owner, a case-in-
17 chief by the Group of Five or More, so therefore,
18 the parties must get together and decide on one
19 person who can represent the interests of the
20 protestants. Any questions by anyone?

21 All right, the Board supports
22 settlement and so I will ask the parties that
23 they should continue talking to see if this
24 matter can be settled. If this matter cannot be
25 settled, then we will see you at a protest

1 hearing on February 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. The
2 Board will also look into the conditional
3 standing that was provided to the abutting
4 property owner and we'll make a decision moving
5 forward on that issue. Okay? All right, thank
6 you very much for your presence today and have a
7 great day. Thank you.

8 (Whereupon, the proceeding went off
9 the record at 11:05 a.m. and resumed at 3:20
10 p.m.)

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, that
12 was actually the end of our calendar for the day,
13 but I need to recall a case. I'm not sure if all
14 the Board members have reviewed their e-mail to
15 see that I need to recall a case.

16 This morning we had a protest hearing
17 status for Case Number 22-PRO-00104. So, I'm
18 recalling that case. Vision Lounge, located at
19 707 8th Street, NE. This is a protest case filed
20 against Vision Lounge renewal application.

21 The protestants include ANC 6C and the
22 Group of Five or More property owners. The
23 protest letter filed by the Group of Five or More
24 make the reference to Marc Knobbe K-N-O-B-B-E as
25 an abutting property owner residing at 707 7th

1 Street, NE. It does not appear that Mr. Knobbe
2 filed a separate protest letter in his capacity
3 as an abutting property owner, though Mr. Knobbe
4 appeared at the roll call hearing on December 5,
5 2022, and the Board Agent did not confer standing
6 to Mr. Knobbe at that time.

7 This morning at the protest hearing
8 status for Case Number 22-PRO-00104, Mr. Knobbe
9 appeared late and asserted that he's an abutting
10 property owner. The Board conferred conditional
11 standing until further information could be
12 gathered regarding Mr. Knobbe's status. An ABRA
13 investigator conducted a site visit today and has
14 determined that Mr. Knobbe's residence, located
15 at 707 7th Street, NE does not abut the licensed
16 premises located at 707 8th Street, NE and, in
17 fact, is more than 200 feet away from the
18 establishment. Therefore, I'm moving the Board
19 to dismiss Mr. Knobbe's protest, the conditional
20 standing that was granted to him. I'm making an
21 order that the Board dismiss Mr. Knobbe as an
22 abutting protestant in Case Number 22-PRO-00104.
23 Is there a second? Mr. Short has seconded the
24 motion. We'll now have a roll call vote. Mr.
25 Short?

1 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

3 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

5 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I
6 agree.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

8 MEMBER HANSEN: I agree.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

10 Mr. Grandis?

11 MEMBER GRANDIS: Well, based upon the
12 e-mail that you referenced, and having read it, I
13 will agree. I will agree, thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis
15 agreed. Mr. Anderson, I agree. The Board voted
16 6-0-0 to deny standing to Mr. Knobbe as an
17 abutting property owner. The Board will therefore
18 issue an order to that effect today and Mr.
19 Knobbe will have 10 days from the receipt of the
20 order to request a reconsideration of the Board's
21 order. With that said, we are then at the end of
22 our calendar for the day and so if there is no
23 further business, I will close the hearing for
24 the day.

25 As Chairperson of the Alcoholic

1 Beverage Control Board for the District of
2 Columbia, in accordance with DC Official Code,
3 Section 2575(b), and Section 2575(b)(14) of the
4 Open Meetings Act, I move that ABC Board hold a
5 closed meeting on February 1, 2023, for the
6 purpose of discussing and hearing reports
7 concerning ongoing or planned investigations of
8 alleged criminal or civil misconduct or
9 violations of law or regulations and seeking
10 legal advice from our legal counsel on the
11 matters identified on the Board's Legal License
12 and Investigative Agenda for February 1, 2023, as
13 published in the DC Register on January 27, 2023.
14 Is there a second?

15 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis will
16 second.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis has
18 seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll call
19 vote. Mr. Short?

20 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

22 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

24 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I
25 agree.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

2 MEMBER HANSEN: I agree.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

4 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I
5 agree.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.
7 Anderson, I agree. As it appears that the motion
8 has passed 6-0-0, I hereby give notice that the
9 ABC Board will hold this closed meeting pursuant
10 to the Open Meetings Act, notice will also be
11 posted on the ABC Board Hearing Room Bulletin
12 Board, placed on the electronic calendar on
13 ABRA's website and published in the DC Register
14 in as timely a manner as practical.

15 We're adjourned for the day. I would
16 like to thank members of the public for
17 participating in the hearing today. I'd also
18 like to thank the Board members, whose attention
19 and participation was evident today, so thank you
20 for your participation. We're now adjourned for
21 the day and I now direct all Board members to
22 return to executive session for further action.
23 Thank you very much. Have a great day.

24 (Whereupon, the proceeding went off
25 the record at 3:27 p.m.)

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