

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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 Aki & Muller Corporation :
 t/a Wheeler Market :
 4133-Wheeler Road SE : Protest
 Retailer B - ANC 8E : Hearing (Status)
 License No. 88835 :
 Case #23-PRO-00084 :
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 (Application to :
 Renew the License) :
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Wednesday
 February 7, 2024

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

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
 SILAS GRANT, JR., Member
 JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff
 MULUGETA WOLDEABZGHI, Applicant

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

2 (10:37 a.m.)

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
4 on our calendar is Case No. 23-PRO-00084, Wheeler
5 Market, License No. 88835.

6 Good morning, Mr. Orellana. Can you
7 please elevate the rights of the protestant and
8 the licensee in this case?

9 MR. ORELLANA: Good morning, Mr.
10 Chairman.

11 Mulugeta Woldeabzghi, your access has
12 been elevated.

13 And that appears to be all, Chairman.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

15 Mr. or Mrs. Woldeabzghi - and I know
16 I'm not doing a good pronunciation of the name.
17 Can you please turn a camera on if you have one?

18 (No audible response.)

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you still
20 there?

21 MR. WOLDEABZGHI: Yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. It
23 appears that - okay. If you're having some
24 concern with your camera, that's fine. Can you
25 spell and state your name for the record and your

1 relationship to this case?

2 MR. WOLDEABZGHI: My name is Mulugeta
3 Woldeabzghi. I am the owner of Wheeler Market.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you please
5 spell your name for the record, sir?

6 MR. WOLDEABZGHI: Sure. First name
7 Mulugeta, M-U-L-U-G-E-T-A, last name Woldeabzghi,
8 W-O-L-D-E-A-B-Z-G-H-I.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
10 sir.

11 MR. WOLDEABZGHI: Good morning.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
13 This is a Protest Hearing Status because this is
14 an application that was - it's an application to
15 renew the license, and it was protested by ANC
16 8E.

17 This case was scheduled for 10:30
18 today. It is now 10:40. I call the case.

19 Mr. Orellana, can you do me one favor,
20 one additional favor? I seen in the chat that
21 you had asked to see if there's anyone. Can you
22 just reach out again to see if the ANC 8E is
23 available to participate in this Protest Hearing
24 Status?

25 MR. ORELLANA: Sure thing.

1 MR. WOLDEABZGHI: Should I correct it
2 if you don't mind?

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Correct what?

4 MR. WOLDEABZGHI: The protest is from
5 ANC 8C, not 8E.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
7 Okay. Thank you. Then, 8 - I'm sorry. I
8 apologize. It's - you said the protest is from
9 ANC 8 - well, I have in my records, it says 8E,
10 so is it 8E?

11 MR. WOLDEABZGHI: 8C, as in Charlie.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The
13 record said 8E, but it's - I guess you are
14 located in 8E.

15 MR. WOLDEABZGHI: E, yes.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. But
17 it's been protested by ANC 8C?

18 MR. WOLDEABZGHI: Correct.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Sorry.

20 So, Mr. Orellana, it's - we're
21 looking for the protestor from ANC 8C.

22 MR. ORELLANA: Yes. And I have Salim
23 Adofo assigned as that individual, but -

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. That's
25 fine.

1 MR. ORELLANA: -- this individual is
2 not in the waiting area.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. All
4 right. Thank you.

5 This matter then was scheduled, as
6 stated before, the matter was scheduled for a
7 Protest Hearing Status this morning. The
8 licensee appeared. ANC 8C who's protesting the
9 renewal of this application is not here today,
10 and so what I am going to do, I'm going to make a
11 motion that their protest be dismissed.

12 Is there a second?

13 MR. SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
15 seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll call
16 vote.

17 Mr. Short?

18 MR. SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant?

20 MR. GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

22 Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 3-0.

23 We are dismissing the protest. What
24 this means, sir, is that we, the Board will issue
25 a final order dismissing the protest. ANC 8C

1 will be given ten days to give the Board
2 reasonable cause why they failed to appear at the
3 Protest Hearing Status today.

4 If ANC 8C does not respond or if the
5 Board does not consider their reasoning
6 reasonable cause why they have failed to appear
7 today, their protest will be dismissed, and the
8 Agency will move towards renewing your license,
9 sir.

10 Do you have any questions?

11 MR. WOLDEABZGHI: So, I have to wait
12 for ten days for final result?

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. So, we
14 will issue, or as I said before, we will issue
15 our decision. The Board will issue a Board order
16 stating that the matter is, their protest is
17 dismissed -

18 MR. WOLDEABZGHI: Okay.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- and they
20 have ten days to respond and give - yes, they
21 have ten days to appeal -

22 MR. WOLDEABZGHI: Okay.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- and to give
24 us reasonable cause, so in ten days if they
25 failed to respond or if the Board believes that

1 their reasoning for not being here today is not
2 reasonable cause, then the Agency will move
3 towards renewing your license, okay?

4 MR. WOLDEABZGHI: Yes, sir.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You have a good
6 day, sir. Thank you.

7 MR. WOLDEABZGHI: The same to you,
8 gentlemen. Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
10 Bye-bye.

11 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
12 went off the record at 10:44 a.m.)

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