

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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1922 Lounge,                             :  
t/a Dawit, LLC                           :  
1922 9th Street NW                     : Protest (Status)  
Retailer CT - ANC 1B                   : Hearing  
License # 126827                       :  
Case # 24-PRO-00002                   :  
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(Application for a New                 :  
License)                                 :  
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Wednesday  
February 28, 2024

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

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff  
FRANK CHAUVIN, Protestant  
JEFF JACKSON, Applicant's Counsel

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

2 (10:46 a.m.)

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case  
4 on our calendar is Case No. 24-PRO-00002, 1922  
5 Lounge, License No. 126827.

6 Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate  
7 the rights of the protestants and the licensee in  
8 this case?

9 MR. ORELLANA: Sure thing.

10 Frank Chauvin, your access has been  
11 elevated.

12 Jeff Jackson, your access has been  
13 elevated.

14 And that appears to be all, Chairman.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

16 MR. JACKSON: Good morning.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

18 Mr. Chauvin, can you please appear on  
19 camera? All right.

20 Good morning, Mr. Jackson. Can you  
21 please spell and state your name for the record  
22 and your representation?

23 MR. JACKSON: Yes, sir. Jeff Jackson,  
24 J-E-F-F, last name Jackson, J-A-C-K-S-O-N,  
25 representing 1922 Lounge.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
2 sir.

3 Good morning, Mr. Chauvin. Can you  
4 please spell and state your name for the record?

5 MR. CHAUVIN: Yes. It's Frank  
6 Chauvin, C-H-A-U-V, as in Victor, I-N. And I am  
7 with the representative of the Westminster  
8 Neighborhood Association.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
10 Good morning, sir.

11 All right. For the parties, are there  
12 any preliminary matters in this case, starting  
13 with you, Mr. Jackson?

14 MR. JACKSON: No, sir.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Chauvin?

16 MR. CHAUVIN: There has been one  
17 complication since Mr. Jackson and the applicant  
18 and the protestant, Westminster Neighborhood  
19 Association, met last week. I had missed an item  
20 that has not been brought to the table in  
21 discussions because our discussions are going  
22 pretty well, except I had missed one of my team  
23 members', protestant team members' request that  
24 the live entertainment endorsement be dropped  
25 because this is in the moratorium, the reported

1 moratorium zone.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let me ask.  
3 This is - that's substantive, so if you need to  
4 go back to Mr. Jackson and discuss that, that's  
5 fine, but that's more substantive that you're  
6 bringing to the Board's attention. Okay.

7 So, I guess, Mr. Jackson, I think  
8 what's been stated is that Mr. Chauvin is saying  
9 that, I guess, you had mediation, and, I guess,  
10 the parties need to, maybe need to have further  
11 conversations to see whether or not this matter  
12 can be settled or whether or not it's going to go  
13 to a protest hearing.

14 MR. JACKSON: Yes, I'm open to a  
15 further conversation.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
17 Fine.

18 MR. CHAUVIN: I appreciate it. Yes,  
19 we've been working well together.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,  
21 that's fine. So if this matter is not settled,  
22 it's scheduled for a protest hearing on March  
23 13th at 1:30 p.m., and so, I believe both parties  
24 are familiar with the protest hearing status.

25 I just want to remind both parties if

1 this matter goes to a protest hearing, seven days  
2 before the hearing, you are required to exchange  
3 - you have to do the PIP. And failure by either  
4 side to provide the PIP are if you have not  
5 provided reasonable cause to the Board why this  
6 has not been done, you might be prohibited from  
7 moving forward to rely on documents and witnesses  
8 that have not been disclosed.

9 All right. Any questions by anyone?

10 MR. CHAUVIN: No, sir.

11 MR. JACKSON: No, sir. Mr. Chairman,  
12 is it possible we can have, set up another  
13 mediation date?

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. I will  
15 ask legal to schedule another mediation for 1922  
16 Lounge. All right, so I'll make sure - let me  
17 tell our legal office to have another - I think  
18 legal has - yes. I'm about to tell legal, and  
19 legal -- so, yes, we will schedule another - we  
20 will ensure that another mediation date is  
21 provided.

22 MR. JACKSON: Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. All  
24 right. So good luck with your mediation and good  
25 luck with your discussions. If this matter is

1 not settled, then we'll see you for a protest  
2 hearing on March 3rd, please, okay?

3 MR. CHAUVIN: Thank you, sir.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

5 Have a great day.

6 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
7 went off the record at 10:51 a.m.)

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