

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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Healing, LLC,
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t/a National Holistic
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Healing Center
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1636 Connecticut Ave NW : Protest (Status)
Retailer MC - ANC 2B : Hearing
License #117378
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Case # 23-PRO-00089
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(Request to add Treatment:
Facility Endorsement
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with Summer Garden and
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Extend Hours of
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Operation)
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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
MICHAEL BOBO, Applicant

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

2 (10:51 a.m.)

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
4 on our calendar is Case No. 23-PRO-00089,
5 National Holistic Hearing [sic] Center, License
6 No. 117378.

7 Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate
8 the rights of the licensee and the protestant?

9 MR. ORELLANA: Sure thing.

10 Michael Bobo, your access has been
11 elevated.

12 And I've reached out, but that appears
13 to be all, Chairman.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

15 Mr. Bobo, can you please schedule --
16 all right. Is there anyone from -- this is ANC
17 2B, so can you just one more time, Mr. Orellana,
18 can you reach out to see if there's anyone from
19 ANC 2B?

20 MR. ORELLANA: Sure thing.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

22 Thank you.

23 I'll give them one more minute, and
24 then --

25 MR. ORELLANA: No response, Chairman.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

2 Thank you.

3 (Pause.)

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

5 This is a protest hearing for 23-PRO-00089,
6 National Holistic Hearing [sic] Center, License
7 No. 117378.

8 Mr. Bobo, can you please spell and
9 state your name for the record and your
10 affiliation with this establishment?

11 You're on mute, Mr. Bobo.

12 MR. BOBO: Thank you, sir. My name is
13 Michael, M-I-C-H-A-E-L, Bobo, B-O-B-O, and I am
14 an owner of National Holistic Healing Center.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
16 sir.

17 All right. This is a protest hearing
18 status. And all parties are informed once a
19 protest is filed that it's mandatory that you
20 show up at the roll call and that you show up at
21 the protest hearing status.

22 This matter was scheduled for a
23 protest hearing status at 10:30 this morning. It
24 is now 10:54, and the ANC 2B, who protested the
25 granting of this license, is not here. Let me

1 wait one more minute. I see there's another
2 notation.

3 Irrespective what the name of the
4 establishment is, what I stated before, we're
5 looking for someone from ANC 2B, so ANC 2B, if
6 the ANC has protested this license application,
7 and so if there's no one from ANC 2B here, then
8 what I am going to do is that I'm going to make a
9 motion to dismiss their protest, and so I will
10 make a motion to dismiss the protest, the ANC
11 protest based on their failure to appear at their
12 protest hearing status this morning.

13 Is there a second?

14 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.

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

18 Mr. Short?

19 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant?

21 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

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

24 What this means, Mr. Bobo, is that the
25 Board will issue an order dismissing the protest.

1 ANC 2B will have ten days to give the Board
2 reasonable cause why they failed to appear this
3 morning.

4 If within the ten days, if ANC 2B
5 responds and gives us reasonable, they give us an
6 explanation that the Board determines that it is
7 reasonable why they failed to appear this
8 morning, we will continue this case.

9 If not, the Board will dismiss the
10 protest and the Board will instruct the Agency to
11 move forward to issuing your license, sir, okay?
12 So that's basically where we are.

13 So we will issue an order today
14 dismissing the protest. The ANC will have ten
15 days to respond, and based on the response --
16 and, of course, once the ANC responds, you will
17 get a copy so you will know what it is, and we
18 will, the Board will move forward, but as I
19 stated before, if they fail to respond within the
20 ten days or if the Board believes that --
21 determines that their reasoning for not being
22 here this morning is not reasonable, we will
23 officially dismiss the protest and the Agency
24 will move forward to granting your license, okay?

25 MR. BOBO: Thank you.

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CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
Have a great day, sir.
(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
went off the record at 10:57 a.m.)

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