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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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Salma, LLC :
t/a Red Lounge Hookah :
2013 14th Street NW : Protest
Retailer CT - ANC 1B : Hearing (Status)
License No. 76011 :
Case #22-PRO-00119 :
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(Application to Renew :
the License) :
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Wednesday
March 1, 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:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABRA Staff
DEAN HUNTER, Applicant
SABEL HARRIS, ANC 1B

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

10:56 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case is Case No. 22-PRO-00119, Red Lounge Hookah, License No. 76011.

Mr. Daneale, you can -- Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate the licensee in this case. I see that there's a Dean Hunter. I'm not sure who he represents, but elevate the license in this case.

MR. ORELLANA: He has been elevated. That is all, Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

MR. HUNTER: Good morning, sir. This is Dean Hunter appearing on behalf of Red Lounge.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, sir. Do you have a camera you can turn on, Mr. Hunter?

MR. HUNTER: Yeah, I thought it was on, sir. Let me try that again. What's going on here? I've got the mic on. I don't know why the camera -- one second, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

MR. HUNTER: I really apologize. It would appear -- oh, I got it. Star video. I

1 have it. Golly, you would think after all these
2 years of Zooming and everything, we would have
3 this down. Can you see me now? Nope. One
4 second. There we go.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
6 Mr. Hunter.

7 Let's have the parties introduce
8 themselves for the record. Let's start with the
9 licensee. Can you please state and spell your
10 name.

11 MR. HUNTER: My name is Dean Hunter,
12 D-E-A-N H-U-N-T-E-R appearing on behalf of Red
13 Lounge.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Hunter,
15 have you provided a letter of appearance to the
16 Agency?

17 MR. HUNTER: No, we have not. We did
18 participate in a mediation and this matter, I
19 think, is going to be resolved.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I understand.
21 I'm just asking that you provide the Agency with
22 a formal letter of representation. Okay, sir?

23 MR. HUNTER: Yes, sir.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Ms.
25 Harris, can you please identify yourself for the

1 record, please.

2 MS. HARRIS: Sabel Harris, S-A-B-E-L
3 H-A-R-R-I-S. I represent ANC-1B.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

5 Are there any preliminary matters that
6 you want to bring to the attention of the Board,
7 Mr. Hunter?

8 MR. HUNTER: No.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Harris?

10 MS. HARRIS: As Mr. Hunter stated
11 before, we are working on a settlement agreement
12 and should have that squared away hopefully
13 before the week is up actually.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
15 Thank you.

16 As I said before this matter then is
17 scheduled for a protest hearing on March 29,
18 2023. If the parties are clear that this matter
19 will be settled, please advise the Agency so,
20 therefore, we do not have to assign an
21 investigator to this matter.

22 I know that -- I'm looking at the
23 calendar, Ms. Harris. You have no two hearings
24 on the 29th at 1:30 before the Board so something
25 has to give because I don't see how you can do

1 two hearings at the same time. I just want to
2 bring that to your attention.

3 Based on the representation by the
4 parties, this matter will be settled. If it's
5 going to be settled, bring that to the attention
6 of the Agency as soon as possible. If it's not
7 settled, then we'll see you on the 29th at 1:30
8 p.m. All right. Thank you very much.

9 MR. HUNTER: Thank you. Bye-bye.

10 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went
11 off the record at 11:00 a.m.)
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