

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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Addis Incorporated          :
t/a King Convenience Store :
1535 U Street SE           : Protest
Retailer B - ANC 8A        : Hearing (Status)
License No. 89932          :
Case No. 23-PRO-00097     :
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(Application to             :
Renew the License)        :
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Wednesday  
March 6, 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  
STEVAN LIEBERMAN, Applicant Counsel  
PATRICK O'KEEFE, Protestant, Group of Five

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

2 10:41 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case  
4 on our calendar is Case No. 23-PRO-00097, King  
5 Convenience Store, License No. 89932.

6 Are these the same parties in this  
7 case?

8 MR. ORELLANA: Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Are  
10 you there, Mr. Lieberman?

11 MR. LIEBERMAN: Yes, sir.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.  
13 Can you please identify yourself for the record?

14 MR. LIEBERMAN: Stevan Lieberman,  
15 Greenberg & Lieberman, on behalf of Emanuel  
16 Mpras, representing King Convenience Store, 23-  
17 PRO-00097.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
19 sir.

20 Mr. O'Keefe, can you please identify  
21 yourself for the record?

22 MR. O'KEEFE: Yes. Good morning. My  
23 name is Patrick O'Keefe, spelled P-A-T-R-I-C-K,  
24 last name O'K-E-E-F-E. I'm representing the  
25 Group of Five Protestants.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.  
2 All right. I just want to correct the record for  
3 the previous case. I did not realize that March  
4 21st is a Thursday, so 10:00 is correct. March  
5 21st is a Thursday. We normally meet on  
6 Wednesdays, but this case is scheduled for a  
7 Thursday. So the time of 10:00 is correct.

8 All right. Good morning, everyone.  
9 Are there preliminary matters in this case that  
10 need to be brought to the attention of the Board?

11 Mr. Lieberman?

12 MR. LIEBERMAN: Nothing to report,  
13 sir.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. O'Keefe?

15 MR. O'KEEFE: Nothing to report at  
16 this time.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
18 This case is scheduled for a protest hearing for  
19 also March 21st, but this matter is scheduled for  
20 1:30 p.m. So the first case is scheduled for  
21 10:00 a.m. And this matter is scheduled for 1:30  
22 p.m. because it's a protest hearing.

23 It was the same parties in the  
24 previous case. I just want to remind the parties  
25 of the same instructions that I read for the

1 previous case. It's the same instructions in  
2 this case, but I just want to advise the parties  
3 one more time that you are required to do a PIP  
4 seven days before the hearing.

5 Failure on either side to provide a  
6 PIP, the Board can prevent you from relying on  
7 documents and witnesses that have not been  
8 disclosed previously. It's the same  
9 instructions, but I just want to highlight that  
10 and remind the parties that seven days before the  
11 hearing, you must do the PIP.

12 If you have any questions, please  
13 reach out to our Agency. Our Agency will provide  
14 you with whatever guidance you might require to  
15 move forward.

16 If this matter is now settled, I will  
17 see you then on March 21st at 1:30 p.m.

18 Any questions by anyone?

19 MR. LIEBERMAN: No.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

21 Thank you very much. Have a great day.

22 MR. LIEBERMAN: You too.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Bye.

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

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Before: DC ABCA

Date: 03-06-24

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Court Reporter

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