

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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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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Wet Dog, LLC,
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t/a Wet Dog Tavern
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2100 Vermont Ave NW
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License #96176
: Protest Hearing
Retailer CT - ANC 1B
: (Status)
Case #22-PRO-00158 and
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#22-PRO-00159
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(Application to Renew the
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License, Petition to
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Terminate the Settlement
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Agreement)
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Wednesday
March 8, 2023

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

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member
JENI HANSEN, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

ANDREW KLINE, Applicant's Counsel
SANTIAGO LAKATOS, Protestant, ANC 1B
JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABRA Staff

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

2 10:58 a.m.

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: The next case on  
4 our calendar is Case Number 22-PRO-00158 and Case  
5 Number 22-PRO-00159, Wet Dog Tavern, License  
6 Number 96176.

7 Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate  
8 the rights, excuse me, of the licensee and the  
9 protestant in this case, please?

10 MR. ORELLANA: Andrew Kline, your  
11 access has been elevated. Santiago Lakatos, your  
12 access has been elevated.

13 That is all Chairman.

14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Thank you. Good  
15 morning everyone. Good morning, Mr. Kline. Can  
16 you please spell and state your name for the  
17 record, please, and identify who you represent,  
18 sir?

19 MR. KLINE: Certainly. Good morning  
20 Chairman Anderson and Members of the Board.  
21 Andrew Kline, A-N-D-R-E-W Kline, K-L-I-N-E.

22 I represent the licensee, Wet Dog  
23 Tavern.

24 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Good morning. Mr.  
25 Lakatos, can you please spell and state your name

1 for the record, and your affiliation, sir?

2 MR. LAKATOS: Sure. Thank you, Mr.  
3 Chair. Santiago Lakatos, S-A-N-T-I-A-G-O  
4 Lakatos, L-A-K-A-T-O-S. I'm representing the  
5 protestant ANC 1B in this matter.

6 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Good morning  
7 again, Mr. Lakatos. All right, Mr. Kline, good  
8 morning. Are there any preliminary matters in  
9 this case? In these two cases, sorry, there are  
10 two cases, Case Number 22-PRO-00158 and Case  
11 Number 22-PRO-00159.

12 Any preliminary matters that need to  
13 be brought to the Board's attention, sir?

14 MR. KLINE: Well, there are not at  
15 this point. But, we remain very optimistic that  
16 this matter will get resolved short of a hearing.

17 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr.  
18 Lakatos, any?

19 MR. LAKATOS: I share the Applicant's  
20 assessment of this situation.

21 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Well, thank you  
22 very much. We look forward to that, because from  
23 what I -- in looking at our schedule, March 29,  
24 at 1:30 is a -- it's going to be a difficult day  
25 for the Agency if all the protest hearings that

1 are scheduled for that day actually go through.

2 And, I believe that most of the  
3 protest hearings, I believe that afternoon, are  
4 with ANC 1B. So, we will -- we will see.

5 But, as I stated before, if the  
6 parties are, if they believe that this case will  
7 be settled, please alert the Agency as soon as  
8 possible.

9 But, as -- but, if this matter goes to  
10 -- so, as I said before, it's scheduled for a  
11 protest hearing on March 29, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

12 I just want to remind both parties  
13 that if this matter goes -- that following this  
14 hearing, you will receive a copy of the PIF --  
15 I'm sorry, let me make sure and go back and I'm  
16 reading the proper instructions.

17 Following this hearing, you'll receive  
18 an email from ABRA legal that will include a copy  
19 of a Protest Information Form, PIF, and a copy of  
20 an Exhibit Form, as well as specific instructions  
21 for the hearing.

22 You are required -- you are required  
23 to complete and submit the PIF and Exhibit Forms  
24 at least seven days before the date of the  
25 hearing.

1           If we do not receive a copy of your  
2 forms seven days before the hearing, your  
3 application or your protest may be subject to  
4 dismissal. These documents need to be submitted  
5 to ABRA legal and to the opposing parties.

6           Please know that these documents  
7 greatly assist the Board in narrowing the protest  
8 issues, facilitating the process, and keeping the  
9 parties on point during the hearing.

10          Further, each side is limited to no  
11 more than five witnesses, and you'll only have  
12 one hour to present your case. So, the Board  
13 does not intend to hear testimony on matters that  
14 are not relevant to those issues that are being  
15 protested.

16           Any questions? Hearing none --

17          MR. KLINE: No, we're -- we have none.

18          MR. LAKATOS: I do not.

19          CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. Thank  
20 you. Mr. Lakatos, any -- all right.

21           I wish you good luck in your  
22 negotiations. And, as I stated before, March 29,  
23 at 1:30, currently our schedule is, looks bad.

24           So, to the parties, I support, and the  
25 Board always supports settlements. And so, if

1 the parties truly can settle this matter, we look  
2 forward to that.

3 So, good luck in the negotiations. If  
4 not, we will see you then on the 29th at 1:30 to  
5 see how that goes.

6 Thank you very much. Have a great  
7 day.

8 MR. KLINE: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right.

10 MR. LAKATOS: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Thank you.

12 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
13 went off the record at 11:02 a.m.)

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