

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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Kidy Lounge, LLC                    :  
t/a Kidst Lounge                    :  
5503 Georgia Ave NW                : Show Cause  
Retailer CR - ANC 4D                : Hearing (Status)  
License No. 119361                  :  
Case #24-CMP-00076                 :  
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(No ABC Manager on Duty)         :  
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Wednesday  
March 12, 2025

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

PRESENT:

- DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
- SILAS GRANT, JR., Member
- RYAN JONES, Member
- DAVID MEADOWS, Member
- TERI JANINE QUINN, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

- JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff
- GENET GONFA, Interpreter
- JOSE JEAN-BAPTISTE, DC OAG

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

2 11:02 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case  
4 on our calendar is Case Number 24-CMP-00076.  
5 Kidst Lounge, License Number 119361.

6 Mr. Orellana, I am not aware if the  
7 licensee is here. But can you reach out to see  
8 if the licensee is there for Kidst Lounge.

9 MR. ORELLANA: No licensee, but I do  
10 see an interpreter.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We can tell the  
12 interpreter his or her services are not required  
13 for this hearing this morning.

14 You can also let the interpreter know  
15 that we also have another hearing scheduled this  
16 afternoon. I am not sure if he or she is the  
17 interpreter for the case that we have this  
18 afternoon. But they should log on this afternoon  
19 for the case to see if the licensee shows up.  
20 Okay?

21 MS. GONFA: I'm excused for now?

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. Yes,  
23 ma'am, you're excused for now because the  
24 licensee is not here today so you are not  
25 required for this case. So you are excused for

1 now for this hearing this morning.

2 Let me -- I guess if you are here, can  
3 you please just identify yourself for the record,  
4 ma'am, by spelling and stating your name?

5 MS. GONFA: Genet Gonfa, G-E-N-E-T,  
6 last name G-O-N-F-A.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what's your  
8 title, ma'am?

9 MS. GONFA: I'm an interpreter.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
11 Thank you for appearing here today, ma'am. But  
12 since the licensee is not here, your services are  
13 not required. So you are dismissed from this  
14 case. If you are the interpreter for the case  
15 for this afternoon, then you can log on this  
16 afternoon for the 1:30 hearing.

17 MS. GONFA: Thank you so much.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
19 Thank you very much.

20 In show cause hearings, status  
21 hearings, there is no requirement for the  
22 licensee to appear.

23 I do not have the hearing date for  
24 this case. I don't have the hearing date for  
25 this case. Mr. John Baptiste, do you have the

1 date for this hearing, sir? I don't have it in  
2 front of me.

3 MR. JEAN-BAPTISTE: Yes. Just one  
4 moment, Mr. Chairperson.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Kidst Lounge,  
6 this is a case -- Case Number 24-CMP-00076.

7 Mr. Jean-Baptiste --

8 MR. JEAN-BAPTISTE: Yeah, Mr.  
9 Chairperson, I would have to get the date --

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I have the  
11 date. I just want to mention that (simultaneous  
12 speaking).

13 MR. JEAN-BAPTISTE: Okay.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So  
15 this matter is scheduled for a show cause hearing  
16 on April 23 at 10:30 a.m. I just want to remind  
17 both parties, the Government, that seven days  
18 prior to the hearing, you are required to  
19 disclose documents and witnesses.

20 Failure by either side to disclose  
21 documents and witnesses seven days before the  
22 hearing, unless reasonable cause is shown, the  
23 Board is empowered to prevent that side from  
24 relying on documents and/or witnesses that have  
25 not been disclosed.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So  
2 that's Kidst Lounge.

3 MR. JEAN-BAPTISTE: Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And I believe  
5 that's the end of your representation today, Mr.  
6 Jean-Baptiste.

7 MR. JEAN-BAPTISTE: Thank you, Mr.  
8 Chairperson, Board members.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have a great  
10 day. Thank you.

11 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
12 went off the record at 11:07 a.m.)

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A</b></p> <p>a.m 2:2 4:16 5:12  <b>ABC</b> 1:9  <b>ABCA</b> 1:20  <b>above-entitled</b> 5:11  <b>afternoon</b> 2:16,18,18  3:15,16  <b>Alcoholic</b> 1:2,12  <b>ANC</b> 1:7  <b>and/or</b> 4:24  <b>Anderson</b> 1:13,16 2:3  2:11,22 3:7,10,18 4:5  4:10,14 5:1,4,9  <b>appear</b> 3:22  <b>appearing</b> 3:11  <b>April</b> 4:16  <b>Ave</b> 1:6  <b>aware</b> 2:6</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>B</b></p> <p><b>Baptiste</b> 3:25  <b>believe</b> 5:4  <b>Beverage</b> 1:2,12  <b>Board</b> 1:2,13 4:23 5:8</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>C</b></p> <p><b>calendar</b> 2:4  <b>Cannabis</b> 1:2,12  <b>case</b> 1:8 2:3,4,17,19,25  3:14,14,24,25 4:6,6  <b>cause</b> 1:6 3:20 4:15,22  <b>Chairperson</b> 1:13,16  2:3,11,22 3:7,10,18  4:4,5,9,10,14 5:1,4,8  5:9  <b>COLUMBIA</b> 1:1  <b>CR</b> 1:7</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>D</b></p> <p><b>date</b> 3:23,24 4:1,9,11  <b>DAVID</b> 1:17  <b>day</b> 5:10  <b>days</b> 4:17,21  <b>DC</b> 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