

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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Buddy's Inc.                       :  
t/a Buddy's D.C.                   :  
3234 11th Street NW             : Protest  
Retailer CT - ANC 1A             : Hearing (Status)  
License No. 123008               :  
Case #23-PRO-00004              :  
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(Application to                   :  
Renew the License)               :  
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Wednesday  
March 15, 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  
CARLY HAMPTON, Applicant  
GRANT MASON, Applicant  
JORDAN NYE, Protestant  
GUILHERME ALMEIDA, Protestant

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

2 10:34 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
4 everyone. We're on the record.

5 Good morning, everyone. As  
6 Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control  
7 Board for the District of Columbia and in  
8 accordance with D.C. Code Section 2-571 et seq.  
9 of the Open Meetings Act, OMA, I am welcoming you  
10 to the regularly scheduled meeting of the  
11 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

12 This meeting is being conducted  
13 pursuant to guidance made available by the  
14 District of Columbia's Office of Open Government  
15 regarding electronic meetings held by public  
16 bodies. Electronic meetings by the ABC Board are  
17 authorized pursuant to Section 2577(a) of the  
18 D.C. Code.

19 Pursuant to the OMA requirements,  
20 notice of today's meeting was provided 48 hours  
21 in advance of the meeting on ABRA's website and  
22 on the District's Central Meeting Calendar.

23 The notice included the time, date  
24 agenda, and call-in or login information for  
25 public participation. This electronic meeting is

1 being hosted by a WebEx account provided by the  
2 District of Columbia Government. Please address  
3 any questions or complaints to the OOG at  
4 opengovoffice@dc.gov.

5 My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm  
6 chairman of the board.

7 I would like to introduce the other  
8 members of the ABC Board who are also  
9 participating electronically. Please respond  
10 when I announce your name.

11 Mr. James Short.

12 You're on mute, Mr. Short.

13 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short,  
14 present.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

16 Mr. Bobby Cato.

17 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, present.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

19 Ms. Rafi Crockett.

20 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett,  
21 present.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni  
23 Hansen.

24 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, present.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Edward

1 Grandis.

2 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis,  
3 present.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has  
5 six members in attendance for the conduct of  
6 business today, and that constitutes a quorum.

7 Before we get underway with today's  
8 hearing calendar, I need to make a few  
9 instructions very clear so that the conduct of  
10 these hearings is understood by everyone.

11 There are eight cases on this  
12 morning's calendar, once your case is called, it  
13 will take a moment for our IT specialist to  
14 elevate the rights for each party to enable their  
15 camera and microphone. Then, and only then, will  
16 you have the ability to enable your equipment.

17 If your case is not being heard, you  
18 will remain mute and your camera will be  
19 disabled.

20 At the conclusion of each case, the  
21 parties will have the option to leave. If the  
22 party chooses to stay, all cameras and  
23 microphones for the concluded case will be  
24 disabled.

25 Should you have any questions or

1 require technical assistance during the hearing,  
2 please submit them using the question and answer  
3 feature.

4 All right. Our first case this  
5 morning is a protest hearing status, Case Number  
6 23-PRO-00004 Buddy's D.C., license number 123008.

7 Good morning, Mr. Orellana. Can you  
8 please elevate the rights of the parties in this  
9 case?

10 MR. ORELLANA: Good morning.

11 Dr. Carly Hampton, your access has  
12 been elevated.

13 Guilherme Almeida, your access has  
14 been elevated.

15 And that appears to be all, Chairman.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.  
17 Orellana.

18 MS. HAMPTON: Can you guys see us?

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No.

20 MS. HAMPTON: Oh, okay.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, I can now.

22 All right. Good morning, everyone.

23 MS. HAMPTON: Good morning.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I  
25 would like the parties to introduce themselves

1 for the record by spelling and stating their  
2 name.

3 And so, I have a Dr. Carly Hampton, so  
4 can you please spell and state your name for the  
5 record, and identify yourself?

6 MS. HAMPTON: I'm Dr. Carly Hampton,  
7 C-A-R-L-Y, last name H-A-M-P-T-O-M.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's your  
9 relationship to this case, ma'am?

10 MS. HAMPTON: I'm one of the co-owners  
11 of Buddy's D.C.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And I see  
13 there's another person next to you?

14 MR. MASON: Yes, sir. Grant Mason, G-  
15 R-A-N-T, M-A-S-O-N. I'm the other co-owner.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
17 sir.

18 MR. MASON: Good morning.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Almeida,  
20 can you please spell and state your name for the  
21 record, please?

22 MR. ALMEIDA: Yes. My name is  
23 Guilherme Almeida, G-U-I-L-H-E-R-M-E, last name  
24 A-L-M-E-I-D-A and I'm with my husband.

25 MR. NYE: My name is Jordan Nye, it's

1 J-O-R-D-A-N, last name is N-Y-E.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And you folks  
3 are the -- you're the Protestants for this case?

4 MR. ALMEIDA: Correct. We're the  
5 abutting property owners.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Good  
7 morning.

8 All right. Dr. Hampton, are there any  
9 preliminary matters in this case? Meaning that,  
10 do you have any issues that -- not substantive  
11 issues, but just preliminary that you'd like to  
12 address that maybe the Board can help solve this.

13 MS. HAMPTON: I guess our main issue  
14 is, like, vibration. It's not even necessarily  
15 sound from our building --

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, not -- we  
17 don't address the substance of what's going on,  
18 just if you have any preliminary issues in the  
19 sense of the process itself. So, I guess what  
20 I'm hearing, you don't have any preliminary  
21 issues? All right.

22 MS. HAMPTON: No. Sorry.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And the  
24 Protestant, any preliminary issues?

25 MR. NYE: No.

1 MR. ALMEIDA: No.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

3 It's my understanding that a mediation was held  
4 on February 27, 2023. Now, if this matter is not  
5 settled it will be scheduled for a protest  
6 hearing on April 12, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

7 Any questions by anyone?

8 MS. HAMPTON: No.

9 MR. MASON: No.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Now  
11 that we've scheduled this matter for a protest  
12 hearing, there are a few things that I would like  
13 to instruct you because the Board's practices  
14 have changed.

15 As you know, all our hearings are  
16 conducted virtually, so it is more important than  
17 ever that protest hearings are focused and  
18 addresses only those issues that are being  
19 protested.

20 Following this hearing you'll receive  
21 an email from our legal office that will include  
22 a copy of a protest information form, PIF, and a  
23 copy of an exhibit form, as well as specific  
24 instructions for the hearing.

25 You are required to complete and



1 submit the PIF and exhibit forms at least seven  
2 days before the date of the hearing. If we do  
3 not receive a copy of your forms seven days  
4 before the hearing, your application or your  
5 protest may be subject to dismissal.

6 These documents need to be submitted  
7 to ABRA Legal and to the opposing parties.  
8 Please know that these documents greatly assist  
9 the Board in narrowing the protest issues,  
10 facilitating the process, and keeping the parties  
11 on point during the hearing.

12 Further, each side is limited to no  
13 more than five witnesses and you'll only have 60  
14 minutes to present your case.

15 The board does not intend to hear  
16 testimony on matters that are not relevant to the  
17 issues that are being protested.

18 Any questions by anyone?

19 All right. Now, the Board supports  
20 settlement if this matter can be settled, we  
21 support the parties moving -- working towards  
22 settling this matter, because -- we prefer that.  
23 But, if this matter cannot be settled, then we  
24 will have a hearing.

25 If you have any questions you can

1 reach out -- both sides can reach out to ABRA  
2 Legal and we will provide you any technical  
3 questions -- answer any technical questions that  
4 you might have.

5 Good luck with your negotiations --  
6 yes, sir?

7 MR. NYE: I just want to say, is there  
8 an opportunity where we reach out to you to have  
9 another mediation? If we could --

10 (Simultaneous speaking.)

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If the parties  
12 want to have a mediation, I will ensure that Ms.  
13 Fletcher reaches back out to the parties to  
14 schedule another mediation.

15 MR. NYE: I think we would like that,  
16 so yeah.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,  
18 fine.

19 So, I will ensure that Ms. Fletcher  
20 from the Agency reaches back out to you -- to  
21 both parties to schedule another mediation.

22 Also, as I stated before, this matter  
23 is scheduled for a protest here on April 12 --  
24 and if the parties believe that this matter will  
25 be settled, let the Agency know as soon as

1 possible so we don't have to assign an  
2 investigator to this case.

3 But I will ensure -- I will make sure  
4 that another mediation is scheduled.

5 MR. NYE: Thank you.

6 MR. ALMEIDA: Thank you very much.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you for  
8 your presence today. Have good luck with your  
9 negotiation. And if I don't see you April 12, I  
10 won't take it personally, that tells me that the  
11 process has worked, okay?

12 MS. HAMPTON: Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have a great  
14 day, thank you.

15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
16 went off the record at 10:43 a.m.)

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