

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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Zinat, Inc., t/a Johnny :
Pistolas :
2333 18th Street NW : Show Cause
Retailer CR - ANC 1C : Hearing (Status)
License #60401 :
Case # 22-CMP-00090 :
 :
(Increase in Occupancy :
Without Board Approval, :
Violation of Settlement :
Agreement, Substantial :
Change in Operation :
Without Board Approval) :
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Wednesday
April 5th, 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
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JONATHAN ASKARINAM, Applicant
BISOLA ONI, DC OAG
JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABRA Staff

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

2 11:08 a.m.

3 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right, the next
4 case on our calendar is Case Number 22-CMP-00090,
5 Johnny Pistolas, License Number 60401.

6 Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate
7 the licensee in this case, please?

8 MR. ORELLANA: Jonathan Askarinam,
9 your access has been elevated.

10 That is all, Chairman.

11 CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

12 MR. ASKARINAM: Hey, my camera does
13 not work on this computer, I apologize.

14 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right, that's
15 fine, sir.

16 Ms. Oni, can you please identify
17 yourself for the record, please?

18 MS. ONI: Yes, Bisola Oni, B-I-S-O-L-
19 A-O-N-I, representing the Government.

20 CHAIR ANDERSON: Good morning, ma'am.

21 Mr. Askarinam, can you please spell
22 and state your first and last name for the
23 record, and your relationship to this case,
24 please?

25 MR. ASKARINAM: Sure, my first name is

1 Jonathan, J-O-N-A-T-H-A-N. My last name is
2 Askarinam, A-S-K-A-R-I-N-A-M. And I'm an owner
3 of the business at Johnny Pistolas.

4 CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you, sir, good
5 morning.

6 MR. ASKARINAM: Good morning.

7 CHAIR ANDERSON: Ms. Oni, are there
8 any preliminary matters in this case, please?

9 MS. ONI: No.

10 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right.

11 Mr. Askarinam, any preliminary matters
12 you want to raise, sir?

13 MR. ASKARINAM: Not at this moment.

14 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right, thank you.

15 Hearing none, then, this matter is
16 scheduled for a show cause hearing on the 3rd,
17 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

18 MR. ASKARINAM: I apologize --

19 CHAIR ANDERSON: Again, I want to
20 remind all parties that seven days before the
21 hearing, you are required to disclose your -- the
22 documents and witnesses you will rely on at the
23 hearing.

24 Failure by either side to disclose
25 documents and witnesses to the Board or the other

1 side, unless good cause is shown, the Board is
2 empowered to prevent that party from relying on
3 documents and witnesses that have not been
4 disclosed.

5 Any questions for anyone?

6 MR. ASKARINAM: Yes, sir.

7 CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, sir?

8 MR. ASKARINAM: We're a Mexican
9 restaurant and May 5th is Cinco de Mayo which is
10 one of the busiest days for us.

11 CHAIR ANDERSON: It's May 3rd, sir,
12 May 3rd.

13 MR. ASKARINAM: Yes, but May 5th is
14 the day. But we -- it takes us a week to get
15 prepared, that week is very busy for us.

16 So, we're asking to postpone the date
17 for us as a small business.

18 We also need to hire legal counsel to
19 help us understand the charges against the
20 business.

21 CHAIR ANDERSON: Ms. Oni, is this your
22 case, ma'am?

23 MS. ONI: No, it's not. It's
24 Christopher Salcott's case.

25 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right.

1 Mr. Askarinam, can you contact Mr.
2 Salcott, from the AOG's office and if the parties
3 can jointly make a motion to the Board to change
4 the date or you can make a motion or a motion,
5 you can just send a note to our legal office
6 asking for us to move the date and give us the
7 reasons why you're requesting that the date be
8 changed, sir.

9 MR. ASKARINAM: Okay, thank you.

10 CHAIR ANDERSON: So, all right, so,
11 just send -- you can send either -- when you hire
12 an attorney or if not, just send a letter or an
13 email to our legal -- our General Counsel's
14 office to make your request.

15 But I would ask you to reach out to
16 the Government to see if they agree to the date.
17 And if it's -- if they agree to the date, then
18 it's much easier.

19 The Board, of course, will grant a
20 joint motion. But if the Government doesn't
21 agree, then that will take a little bit more
22 arguments whether or not the Board will grant the
23 motion to continue.

24 Okay, sir?

25 MR. ASKARINAM: Okay, thank you.

1 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right, so, all
2 right, so, currently, this matter is scheduled
3 for May 3, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. But the licensee
4 will reach out to the Government and the Agency
5 to request a change in date.

6 Okay? All right.

7 Thank you.

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

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