

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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Justin's House of :
Bourbon, LLC, :
t/a Justin's House of :
Bourbon :
2419 Evarts Street NE :
License #116888 :
Retailer Internet A - :
ANC 5C :
Case # 23-CMP-00004 :
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(Misused the :
Establishment's :
Approved Off-Premises :
Storage Facility, :
Illegally Transported :
Alcoholic Beverages :
within the District, :
Failed to :
Maintain Books and :
Records on Premises, :
Interfered with an ABRA :
Investigation) :
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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:

LANA MAHMOUD, Applicant
MANALLE MAHMOUD, Applicant Counsel
BISOLA ONI, DC OAG
JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABRA Staff

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

2 11:00 a.m.

3 CHAIR ANDERSON: The next case on our
4 calendar is Case Number 23-CMP-00004, Justin's
5 House of Bourbon, License Number 116888.

6 Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate
7 the rights of the Government and Ms. Mahmoud?

8 MR. ORELLANA: Your access has been
9 elevated.

10 Lana Mahmoud, your access has been
11 elevated.

12 I believe that is all, Chairman.

13 CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

14 Good morning, everyone.

15 MS. L. MAHMOUD: Good morning.

16 CHAIR ANDERSON: Could the parties
17 please identify themselves for the record by
18 spelling and stating their name?

19 Let's start with the Government.

20 MS. ONI: Yes, good morning. Bisola
21 Oni, B-I-S-O-L-A-O-N-I, Assistant Attorney
22 General with the Office of Attorney General
23 representing the District.

24 CHAIR ANDERSON: Good morning, ma'am.

25 Ms. Mahmoud, can you please identify

1 yourself for the record by spelling and stating
2 your name, please?

3 MS. L. MAHMOUD: Sure, my name is Lana
4 Mahmoud, spelling is L-A-N-A, last name, M-A-H-M-
5 O-U-D.

6 CHAIR ANDERSON: Good morning, Ms.
7 Mahmoud.

8 And good morning.

9 Are there any preliminary matters in
10 this case?

11 MS. L. MAHMOUD: Not to my knowledge.

12 MS. ONI: No matters, just we
13 communicated the OIC to the establishment.

14 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right, thank you.
15 Ms. Mahmoud, it's appearing that
16 you're online somewhere else and your hand it up.

17 You raised it --

18 MS. L. MAHMOUD: I apologize, you mind
19 repeating that? It cut out a little bit.

20 CHAIR ANDERSON: You're on my screen
21 twice.

22 MS. L. MAHMOUD: Oh.

23 CHAIR ANDERSON: And on the other
24 screen, you are raising your hand to say that you
25 have a question on the other screen.

1 MS. L. MAHMOUD: I don't believe
2 that's me. There's another person with the same
3 last name is me who's hand is raised, but that's
4 not my camera.

5 CHAIR ANDERSON: Are you -- is there
6 someone else? Is the licensee scheduled to be
7 here today? No?

8 MS. L. MAHMOUD: Not to my knowledge,
9 I'm the only person that was requested from our
10 company.

11 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. And
12 you're representing the licensee, is that
13 correct?

14 MS. L. MAHMOUD: To be honest, I'm
15 extremely confused. I was called last week and I
16 was asked to be a part of this hearing regarding
17 an event that my company is catering.

18 CHAIR ANDERSON: I'm sorry, hold on,
19 hold on, hold on, I'm sorry.

20 Oh, I'm sorry, ma'am. You are --
21 okay, all right, okay.

22 This is not your case.

23 MS. L. MAHMOUD: Okay, that's what I
24 thought.

25 CHAIR ANDERSON: So, Mister -- all

1 right, okay.

2 It's -- all right, okay, you are --
3 this is so uncanny that we have two people for
4 this -- anyway, all right.

5 So, Mr. Orellana, can you please --
6 Ms. Lana Mahmoud, this is not her case. She's
7 for the fact finding hearing.

8 So, can you -- all right, all right,
9 fine.

10 So, Ms. Manalle Mahmoud, can you
11 please identify yourself for the record, please?
12 And you can put your hand down now.

13 MS. M. MAHMOUD: Sorry.

14 Good morning, Mr. Chair and Board, my
15 name is Manalle Mahmoud with Mallios, O'Brien and
16 Sandground. We're here on behalf of Licensee.

17 My name is M-A-N-A-L-L-E-M-A-H-M-O-U-
18 D.

19 CHAIR ANDERSON: And you have a unique
20 last name. And it is interesting with your
21 unique last name, we have two people with the
22 same last name this morning on our hearing
23 calendar.

24 All right, so, thank you.

25 All right, all right, Ms. Oni, and

1 this is the first time you're appearing before
2 the board, so, welcome, ma'am.

3 Are there -- let me -- so, let me
4 start over again.

5 Are there any preliminary matters?

6 MS. ONI: No, just notifying that we
7 sent the Offer in Compromise yesterday.

8 CHAIR ANDERSON: And Ms. Mahmoud, are
9 there any preliminary matters?

10 MS. M. MAHMOUD: No preliminary
11 matters.

12 Mr. O'Brien is out ill, but he
13 confirmed receipt of the Offer in Compromise
14 yesterday.

15 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right, all right.

16 So, this matter then is scheduled for
17 -- if this matter is now settled, it's scheduled
18 for a show cause hearing on May 10, 2023 at 10:30
19 a.m.

20 I just want to remind both parties
21 that if this matter goes to a hearing, seven days
22 prior to the hearing, the parties are required to
23 exchange documents and witnesses.

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

1 the agency, unless good cause is shown, the Board
2 is prevented -- the Board is empowered to prevent
3 that party from relying on documents and
4 witnesses that have not been disclosed seven days
5 previously.

6 Any questions?

7 MS. ONI: No, thank you.

8 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right, good luck
9 with your negotiations.

10 If not, we will see you for this
11 matter on May 10, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

12 All right, all right, thank you.

13 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
14 went off the record at 11:05 a.m.)

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