

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :
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The Gold Room Bar and :
Lounge, LLC, t/a The :
Gold Room Bar/Lounge :
1370 H Street NE : Show Cause
License #114757 : Hearing (Status)
Retailer CT - ANC 6A :
Case #20-251-00009 :
:
(Interfered with an ABRA :
Investigation) :

Wednesday
April 7, 2021

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

ALSO PRESENT:

SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff
RICHARD BIANCO, Licensee's Counsel
STEPHEN ORTIZ, DC OAG

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

2 10:47 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, the
4 next case on our calendar is case number 20-251-
5 00009, The Gold Room Bar/Lounge, licence number
6 114757. Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate the
7 rights of the licensee in this case, please?

8 MS. ANDREWS: Sure, stand by.

9 (Pause.) Mr. Bianco, your rights have been
10 elevated.

11 MR. BIANCO: Thank you very much.
12 Richard Bianco on behalf of the licensee.

13 MS. ANDREWS: That's all, Mr. Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you and
15 Mr. Bianco, your client will not be joining you
16 this morning?

17 MR. BIANCO: No, sir, she will not.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Thank
19 you. Mr. Ortiz, can you please identify yourself
20 for the record, please?

21 MR. ORTIZ: Stephen Ortiz on behalf of
22 the District of Columbia.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
24 Mr. Ortiz. Mr. Bianco, can you please identify
25 yourself for the record, please?

1 MR. BIANCO: Yes, Richard Bianco on
2 behalf of the licensee.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
4 Mr. Bianco, and it's clear that your client will
5 not be joining you this morning, is that correct?

6 MR. BIANCO: That's correct.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.
8 Ortiz, are there any preliminary matters in this
9 case?

10 MR. ORTIZ: The parties do not have
11 any preliminary matters to object support at this
12 time.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
14 thank you. Then this matter will be scheduled
15 for a show cause hearing at a date to be
16 determined and so we'll provide the dates to both
17 the Government and the licensee's attorney as
18 soon as we're able to. Thank you very much and
19 have a good day.

20 MR. BIANCO: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
22 thank you.

23 (Whereupon, the proceedings went off
24 the record at 10:49 a.m.)

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