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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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Rosebud Liquor, Inc.,               :  
t/a Rosebud Liquor                   :  
1700 17th Street NW                :  
Retailer A - ANC 2B                 :  
License #60751                       :  
Case # 23-PRO-00032                 :  
  :  
(Transfer Application -               :  
from 1711 17th Street NW           :  
to 1700 17th Street NW)           :  
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Wednesday  
April 12, 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:

CAROLYN KARBEL, Protestant  
JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABRA Staff  
ADRIANA TOROSSIAN, Interpreter

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

2 11:11 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The  
4 next case on our calendar is Case number 23-PRO-  
5 00032, Rosebud Liquor, License number 60751. Mr.  
6 Orellana, can you please elevate the licensee and  
7 the protestant in this case, please?

8 MR. ORELLANA: Ms. Karbel, your access  
9 has been elevated. Adriana Torossian, your  
10 access has been elevated. And I do not see the  
11 licensee, Chairman. That is all.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I  
13 think, Mr. Orellana, I think the, yes --

14 MR. ORELLANA: Access elevated.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Thank  
16 you. Ms. Karbel, I'm sorry.

17 MS. TOROSSIAN: (Foreign language  
18 spoken.)

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. I'm  
20 sorry. I apologize. No, I need, pronounce your  
21 name for me please, ma'am.

22 MS. TOROSSIAN: Torossian.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Torossian,  
24 can you identify yourself for the record, please?

25 MS. TOROSSIAN: Adriana Torossian,

1 Spanish interpreter.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Spell your name  
3 for me, please, ma'am.

4 MS. TOROSSIAN: I'm sorry?

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I need you to  
6 spell your name for the record. Whoever --

7 MS. TOROSSIAN: Adriana Torossian, A-  
8 D-R-I-A-N-A, Adriana, Torossian, T-O-R-O-S-S-I-A-  
9 N, Spanish interpreter.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Torossian,  
11 can you please raise your right hand, please? Do  
12 you solemnly affirm that you will faithfully and  
13 accurate interpret this proceeding in this matter  
14 from English to Spanish, and from Spanish to  
15 English to the best of your ability?

16 MS. TOROSSIAN: Yes, I do.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
18 Thank you, ma'am. Can you please ask the  
19 licensee for Rosebud to turn their camera on,  
20 ma'am, please.

21 MS. MENDOZA: I don't have that  
22 option.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
24 Thank you. Can you ask the owner to identify  
25 themselves for the record by spelling and stating

1 their name?

2 MS. MENDOZA: Marta Mendoza, M-A-R-T-  
3 A, M-E-N-D-O-Z-A.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what's her  
5 affiliation with this establishment, please?

6 MS. MENDOZA: I'm the owner at Rosebud  
7 Liquor.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
9 Thank you. All right. Ms. Karbel, can you  
10 please spell and state your name for the record,  
11 please?

12 MS. KARBEL: Carolyn Karbel, C-A-R-O-  
13 L-Y-N.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you turn  
15 your volume up, please, ma'am? I can't, can  
16 hardly hear you.

17 MS. KARBEL: Oh, okay. Can you hear  
18 me better now?

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's better,  
20 yes.

21 MS. KARBEL: Okay. I'll speak up.  
22 Carolyn Karbel, C-A-R-O-L-Y-N, K-A-R-B-E-L.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what's your  
24 relationship to this case, Ma'am?

25 MS. KARBEL: I am representing the

1 protest group.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Can  
3 you ask the owner if she, if they have any  
4 preliminary matters, not substantive, but just  
5 any preliminary matters she wants to bring to the  
6 attention of the Board.

7 MS. MENDOZA: No.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Karbel, any  
9 preliminary matters?

10 MS. KARBEL: No.

11 (Simultaneous speaking)

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's my  
13 understanding that the Agency has offered the  
14 parties a second mediation. Is that true? Or is  
15 that something that the parties want to pursue?

16 MS. KARBEL: Yes. We attended  
17 mediation this morning with Ms. Fletcher, and  
18 unfortunately it does not seem like we made much  
19 progress. And Rosebud is not willing to kind of  
20 give in to any thoughts of how to mediate.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do the parties  
22 want to -- Go ahead, ma'am. What does she want  
23 to say.

24 MS. MENDOZA: There was a resolution.  
25 But it was not accepted.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But do the  
2 parties want us to schedule another mediation?

3 MS. KARBEL: I am not sure if it will  
4 help. We made it pretty clear what we would be  
5 asking for in order to drop the protest. And  
6 that didn't seem to be agreeable.

7 So, I'm not sure if mediation will  
8 help. Or if we should just have a negotiation,  
9 you know, offline, you know, not with ABRA  
10 involved.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, the  
12 parties are free to have conversations either  
13 with ABRA's help or outside the confines of ABRA.  
14 And so, if the parties want to discuss that  
15 settlement on their own terms they are welcome to  
16 do that. Any questions by anyone?

17 MS. KARBEL: No.

18 MS. MENDOZA: No.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is the licensee  
20 still there?

21 MS. MENDOZA: Yes. They're here.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, fine.  
23 Thanks. If this matter is not settled then it's  
24 scheduled for a protest hearing on May 24th at  
25 1:30 p.m.

1 MS. TOROSSIAN: 1:30 p.m. you said?

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. All  
3 right. Now that we've scheduled this matter for  
4 a protest hearing there are a few things that I  
5 would like to instruct the applicant and the  
6 protests about the protest hearing.

7 To ensure that a protest hearing is  
8 focused and addresses only those issues that are  
9 being protested, the Board does not intend to  
10 hear testimony on matters that are not relevant  
11 to this case.

12 You should have received by electronic  
13 or regular mail a letter explaining the protest  
14 process, a copy of the process information form,  
15 and a copy of the exhibit form.

16 If you do not have these documents  
17 please contact our legal office following this  
18 hearing. It is imperative that you review the  
19 rules closely, and adhere to them before entering  
20 the protest hearing.

21 You are also required to complete and  
22 submit the protest information form, PIF, and the  
23 exhibit form seven days before the hearing.

24 These two forms and accompanying documents need  
25 to be submitted to ABRA's legal division and to

1 all opposing parties in this matter.

2 If we do not receive a copy of your  
3 PIF, your application, or your protest, which  
4 side you are representing may be subject to  
5 dismissal.

6 Likewise, if we do not receive a copy  
7 of the exhibit form and the exhibits themselves  
8 your exhibits may be excluded from the record,  
9 upon a finding that the opposing party has been  
10 prejudiced or no good cause for failure to submit  
11 has been shown.

12 Likewise, witnesses other than a party  
13 may also be subject to exclusion if not  
14 identified on the PIF. Accordingly, these forms  
15 are very important.

16 MS. TOROSSIAN: Pardon me? I couldn't  
17 hear you.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Accordingly,  
19 these forms are very important. They greatly  
20 assist the Board in narrowing the protest issues,  
21 facilitating the process, and keeping the parties  
22 on point during the hearing.

23 They likewise provide notice to the  
24 opposing parties, enabling them to better prepare  
25 for the hearing. If this matter goes to a



1 hearing you will only have one hour to present  
2 your case, and you can only call five witnesses.

3 If you have any other questions please  
4 reach out to the legal office and we will provide  
5 you with more information about how to do our  
6 protest hearings.

7 Thank you. And again, the parties are  
8 free to meet by themselves with our office to see  
9 if this matter can be settled. Thank you very  
10 much. Have a great day.

11 MS. TOROSSIAN: Am I dismissed? Or  
12 you have another --

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You are  
14 dismissed, ma'am. Thank you for your presence  
15 here.

16 MS. TOROSSIAN: Okay. Thank you.  
17 Have a good morning.

18 MS. KARBEL: Thank you. I hope to  
19 settle it outside of a hearing.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
21 Thank you. All right.

22 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
23 went off the record at 11:26 a.m.)  
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