

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Omar, LLC, :
t/a Costello :
5201 Georgia Ave NW : Show Cause
Retailer CT - ANC 4D : Hearing (Status)
License #100259 :
Case #20-CMP-00059 :
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(No ABC Manager on Duty) :

Wednesday
May 5, 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:

WALTER ADAMS, DC OAG
SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff

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

2 10:42 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
4 everyone. We're on the record. Could all Board
5 members please -- I see one of our Board members
6 is having some technical difficulties, but we'll
7 start.

8 So anyway, good morning, again. Good
9 morning, everyone. As Chairperson of the
10 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District
11 of Columbia, and in accordance with DC Code
12 Section 2-576 of the Open Meetings Act, I am
13 welcoming you to the regular scheduled meeting of
14 the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

15 This meeting is being conducted
16 pursuant to guidance made available by the
17 District of Columbia's Office of Open Government
18 regarding electronic meetings held by public
19 bodies during the public health emergency.
20 Pursuant to this guidance, notice of today's
21 meeting was provided 48 hours in advance of the
22 meeting on ABRA's website and on the District's
23 central meeting calendar. The notice included
24 the time, date, agenda, and call-in or login
25 information for public participation.

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

6 My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm
7 Chairman of the Board. I would like to introduce
8 the other members of the ABC Board who are also
9 participating electronically pursuant to Mayor's
10 Order 2020-054. Please respond when I announce
11 your name. Mr. Bobby Cato.

12 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, present.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rafi
14 Crockett.

15 MEMBER CROCKETT Rafi Crockett,
16 present.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Edward
18 Grandis.

19 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis,
20 present.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has
22 five members in attendance for the conduct of
23 business today, and that constitutes a quorum.

24 Before we get underway with today's
25 hearing calendar, I need to make a few

1 instructions very clear so that the conduct of
2 these hearings can be understood by everybody.
3 We only have one hearing on our morning calendar,
4 so I don't need to make the instruction, but just
5 if anyone is online and if you need -- if you
6 have any technical assistance, please put your
7 questions in the question and answer feature, or
8 you can submit any questions you have to
9 Simone.Andrews2@dc.gov.

10 Our first case this morning is Case
11 Number 20-CMP-00059, Costello, License No.
12 100259. Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate the
13 rights of the licensee and the Government,
14 please?

15 MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Chair, they don't
16 appear to be online.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Government
18 is not online?

19 MS. ANDREWS: We have Mr. Walter Adams,
20 but my records show it's supposed to Jessica
21 Kurpke. I'm just going to make Mr. Adams the
22 panel member.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, please.

24 MR. ADAMS: Good morning, Mr. Chair,
25 and members of the Board. How are you?

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
2 Mr. Adams. I'm sorry, Ms. Andrews, is there
3 anyone else on the line?

4 MS. ANDREWS: No, sir.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. All
6 right. Good morning, Mr. Adams. Can you please
7 identify yourself for the record, please?

8 MR. ADAMS: Good morning, Mr. Chairman.
9 Walter Adams representing the District of
10 Columbia.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And the licensee
12 is not on -- the licensee is not here today.
13 This is a show cause hearing status case so this
14 matter then will be scheduled for show cause
15 hearing at a date to be determined, and the Board
16 will -- the Agency will advise you, Mr. Adams,
17 and the licensee of the date and time of the show
18 cause hearing. All right. Thank you very much.

19 MR. ADAMS: Thank you very much. Take
20 care, Mr. Chairman.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have a great
22 day. Thank you.

23 MR. ADAMS: You, too.

24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
25 went off the record at 10:46 a.m.)

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