

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Nunez's Property :
Management, LLC, :
t/a Buho's Restaurant :
3521 14th Street NW : Protest
Retailer CT - ANC 1B : Hearing
License #115711 :
Case # 23-PRO-00020 :
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(Application to Renew the:
License) :
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Wednesday
May 10, 2023

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis 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

ALSO PRESENT:

TIM BROOKINS, Protestant
KIARA EARLE, Protestant
JESSICA MAI, Protestant's Counsel
JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff
INVESTIGATOR MARK RUIZ, DC ABCA
MARK RUSSELL, Applicant's Counsel
SARINAH SAMSUDIN, Protestant

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1:39 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So now the case that's at hand is Case No. 23-PRO-00020, Buho's, B-U-H-O, Buho's Restaurant, License No. 115711. It's an application for renew a license.

And so, Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate the right of the licensee and the protesters in this case, please. Thank you.

MR. ORELLANA: Sure.

Jessica Mai, your access has been elevated.

Mark Russell, your access has been elevated.

Investigator Mark Ruiz, your access has been elevated.

Sarinah Samsudin, your access has been elevated.

And I received a report that licensee owner's having challenges joining. We're working with them to get them on.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

MR. ORELLANA: Just providing an update. We sent the meeting information to the email address provided for the Buho's owner and

1 called them and left them a message.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And you have
3 not -- have -- and they didn't answer the phone?

4 MR. ORELLANA: They didn't answer the
5 phone, and I don't see them in the waiting area.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry.
7 How did you -- you said that you found that they
8 were having -- you said that you --

9 MR. ORELLANA: Investigator Mark Ruiz
10 has been in contact with them.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

12 When the licensee's here, I will call
13 the case. So we're waiting for -- we are waiting
14 for the licensee to show up, and so that is what
15 we're waiting for. Once the -- I was informed that
16 the licensee is having some technical
17 difficulties, and so once we are able to locate the
18 licensee, then we will -- I will have the parties
19 introduce themselves.

20 Mr. Orellana, can you do me a favor,
21 please? Can you confirm with Mr. Ruiz that the
22 number that you're calling is the correct number
23 and try to reach them again, please?

24 MR. ORELLANA: Yes. And we have two
25 individuals in the waiting area that I could

1 potentially elevate to see if they're related to
2 this hearing.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. Why
4 don't you try to find out who they are?

5 MR. RUSSELL: Mr. Chair, I'm
6 Investigator Ruiz. They located the link. They
7 should be on --

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I cannot hear
9 you, Mr. Ruiz. I'm sorry.

10 So, Mr. Ruiz, you were speaking, but I
11 couldn't hear what you were saying.

12 MR. RUSSELL: They found the link.
13 They should be logging in momentarily.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
15 Thank you, sir.

16 MR. RUSSELL: You're welcome.

17 MR. ORELLANA: Kiara Earle, your
18 access has been elevated.

19 Tim Brookins, your access has been
20 elevated.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who is Tim --
22 who is Tim Brookins?

23 MR. BROOKINS: Hi. This is Tim
24 Brookins. I am part of the protestant for Buho's.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Who is

1 Kiara Earle?

2 MS. EARLE: Hi. This is Kiara Earle.
3 I am also here for the protest group for Buho's
4 Restaurant.

5 MR. ORELLANA: Still waiting on the
6 licensee.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Orellana,
8 I've looked at the -- I'm looking at the PIP, and
9 I don't see Ms. Earle, and I don't see Mr. Brookins
10 listed, so can you not elevate their rights at the
11 moment, please?

12 MR. ORELLANA: Will do.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

14 Who is S-A-R-I, Sarinah Samsudin?
15 Who's that person? Can that person --

16 MS. SAMSUDIN: I am one of the
17 protesters for Buho's.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So
19 and -- all right. So, Mr. -- the only two people's
20 whose names should be -- the only two individuals
21 who should be elevated at this time is Jessica Mai
22 or Mark Russell. Those are the only two people who
23 asked then -- whose rights should be elevated at
24 this moment. Okay?

25 MR. RUSSELL: Hi. This is Mark

1 Russell. Are the witnesses able to get their
2 rights, like, elevated right now?

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Russell.

4 Mr. Russell, I'm looking at your PIP. And I don't
5 see you have any witnesses listed unless I'm
6 reading the wrong document. I don't see -- I see
7 your PIP, and I don't see any witnesses listed.
8 Okay? So unless it's -- right. So I'm just saying
9 at the moment, no. But I don't see -- I don't see
10 any witnesses -- any witnesses listed on the PIP
11 that I'm looking at.

12 If I'm looking at the wrong document,
13 then, please, I can be directed -- I can be
14 directed. But I'm just saying at the moment, I
15 don't see any witnesses.

16 The only two people that I see on your
17 PIP -- I see your name, and I see Jessica Mai. If
18 there are other people, we can discuss that. But
19 I don't see -- I don't see them on the PIP right
20 now. Okay?

21 MR. ORELLANA: Chairman, I hear that
22 they're having internet connection issues.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, if
24 they're having internet connection issues, then
25 they need to participate on the telephone. We

1 don't need -- you don't need internet to connect
2 to the telephone, so they can participate on the
3 telephone.

4 MR. ORELLANA: That is correct. We
5 have provided --

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: They can do a --

7 MR. ORELLANA: -- them a call in.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- call in. I
9 will -- in this particular time, I will not demand
10 that they be on camera if they have -- if they have
11 those challenges.

12 MR. ORELLANA: I'll give them a call
13 again.

14 Chairman, I just made contact. They
15 should be joining soon, hopefully.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

17 MS. MAI: Good afternoon, Mr.
18 Anderson. This is Jessica Mai.

19 Regarding your comments about the
20 witnesses, we can send you the updated PIP form
21 containing the names of witnesses we'd like to
22 participate in the hearing today if that works with
23 you.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And when would
25 that -- when was that filed with the Agency? And

1 was that filed on the witnesses on the other side?

2 When was it -- when was the PIP? I'm
3 just asking before we start the hearing. So you're
4 saying the PIP was filed? And when was that filed
5 with the Agency?

6 Ms. Mai? Sorry.

7 MS. MAI: Let me see -- let me pull up
8 the record of when the email was sent.

9 MR. RUSSELL: It was at least 10 days
10 ago. This is Mark Russell. But the witnesses, we
11 can add on now if that's possible.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There is -- all
13 right. All right.

14 The hearing hasn't started yet.
15 However, as you remember, I stated during the
16 protest status hearing that the PIP had to be filed
17 seven days prior to the hearing, so I'm going by
18 what is filed at least seven days ago. If that
19 document has been amended, then a formal -- a
20 request has to be made once the hearing starts --
21 once the hearing starts to amend that document. So
22 that's what I said.

23 Once the protestant -- I'm sorry -- once
24 the licensee comes onboard, then we can have --
25 discuss preliminary matters within that -- what

1 you're asking if that is permissible -- if the Board
2 is going to grant that.

3 MS. MAI: Understood. Thank you for
4 the update. We'll plan to make that request once
5 the hearing begins.

6 MR. ORELLANA: Still waiting,
7 Chairman.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: While we're
9 waiting for the protest -- I'm sorry -- the
10 applicant, I know we had a prehearing -- a protest
11 hearing status. The license -- the applicant
12 participated in that process and participated
13 through a video -- a virtual call in that process.
14 So I'm not quite sure what's the technical issue
15 that we're having today.

16 I just need to get some clarification
17 so the Board can make a determination what the next
18 step is because they have participated in the
19 process in here. If a party's having technical
20 issue, then I'm not going to hold it against them.

21 And so if we have to reschedule this
22 hearing, then I guess that's what we need to do.
23 Or we do have -- this is the only hearing that we
24 have for this afternoon.

25 So what I'm -- basically, what I'm going

1 to do, I'm going to have the Board go into executive
2 session. And I'm requesting maybe Mr. Ruiz and
3 maybe Mr. Orellana maybe you can assist us to see
4 if you can make contact with the licensee to see
5 if we can get them on board because I said before
6 we had a status hearing a couple of weeks ago, and
7 they did participate. And I need them to
8 participate because we do have some time.

9 So I'm going to ask -- I'm going to ask
10 everyone else to stay online. The Board will go
11 into executive session, and I will ask that, Mr.
12 Orellana, I'll ask that you alert us when it is that
13 the licensee is onboard. Okay?

14 So the Board -- so I'm asking all board
15 members to go to executive session, and we will
16 return once we are told that the licensee, the
17 applicant, is onboard. Thank you.

18 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
19 went off the record at 1:57 p.m. and resumed at 2:04
20 p.m.)

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
22 We're back on the record.

23 This matter standing that the licensee
24 is -- the licensee is on the telephone. Is that
25 what I've been told?

1 MR. ORELLANA: Yes, that is correct.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
3 Let me have everyone identify themselves for the
4 record.

5 So could I have the licensee identify
6 themselves for the record, please?

7 MR. ORELLANA: Correction. It looks
8 like the licensee just dropped off.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

10 Can you please --

11 MEMBER GRANDIS: Mr. Chairman?

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr.
13 Grandis.

14 MEMBER GRANDIS: I don't know if this
15 would help for the future with these -- this
16 particular licensee, but maybe we do need an
17 interpreter.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: One was
19 scheduled. We were told that one was not needed.

20 MEMBER GRANDIS: I understand. No,
21 no. I heard all that. But maybe part of this
22 logistics is that they need somebody that they can
23 understand. That's all my point.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
25 The Agency will provide an interpreter if one is

1 requested. On the schedule today stated that
2 there was an interpreter. I was subsequently
3 informed that the licensee did not require one. So
4 I cannot require that someone have an interpreter
5 if they told us they do not want one. We can only
6 offer. But --

7 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. -- Mr. Chair?

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Short.

9 MEMBER SHORT: If my recollection is
10 correct, they been before us previously. It's a
11 husband and wife, and they both speak English well
12 enough not to -- but at any rate, if they want one,
13 I'll agree 100 percent.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I was --

15 MEMBER SHORT: But they came before us
16 before without an interpreter.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I was told
18 today that they did not request one.

19 MEMBER SHORT: Yeah.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
21 All right. All right. And our IT person has --
22 it's my understanding if a native -- is native in
23 Spanish, so whatever communication that he's
24 having with them to get them on the line, I believe
25 it's in a language that they are able to --

1 MEMBER SHORT: If they're going to come
2 in -- if they're going to come in and use one of
3 our laptops, that might be of great assistance to
4 have our -- especially you can staff there.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'll just -- I
6 need to end this conversation because we're on the
7 public record.

8 So, as I stated before, I just want the
9 record to reflect that if any licensee requests --
10 any licensee, any protestant needs to request an
11 interpreter, we provide it to them. This Agency
12 will not demand that a person use any specific type,
13 but if it's requested, the Agency will accommodate
14 the request that's made.

15 All right. All right. So let's kind
16 of just end our conversation until we can find the
17 licensee.

18 So let's try one more time for the
19 licensee, Mr. Orellana. And then I have some
20 decisions, some recommendations I will make once
21 the licensee is on the phone.

22 Mr. Orellana, are you able to try to
23 reach the licensee again, please?

24 MR. ORELLANA: Okay, Chairman, they
25 have been elevated.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
2 Can we have the call-in person -- can you please
3 identify yourself for the record, please?

4 Can the licensee please unmute their
5 line and -- is the line unmuted, sir, so they can
6 speak?

7 MR. ORELLANA: I've sent them a text to
8 unmute. Not sure on the status.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can the
10 licensee -- can you please identify yourself for
11 the record, please?

12 It appears that the licensee is --
13 there's several people on the line. I need one
14 person to --

15 All right. Whoever the licensee is,
16 there are -- it appears that there are several
17 people on the line or using different phones in the
18 same area. That is the reason why we're hearing
19 this feedback. So I just need only one person's
20 phone to be open. All the other phones need to be
21 muted.

22 So can we have -- one more time, I need
23 the licensee to unmute their line and speak to me.

24 Does anyone know what's going on here?
25 I'm trying to surmise what is going on. Why am I

1 getting all that feedback with the licensee?

2 MR. ORELLANA: I'm going to make (Audio
3 interference.) again.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, sir.

5 MS. NUNEZ: Hello?

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who's
7 speaking, please? Can the person identify
8 themselves for the record?

9 Mr. Ruiz? Do you have -- do you have --

10 MR. RUIZ: Yes, sir.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- a phone
12 number? Do you have a phone number for the
13 licensee?

14 MR. RUIZ: I do.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you able to
16 try to see if you can reach them to see what is going
17 on?

18 MR. RUIZ: Yeah. I'll do that right
19 now.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And if it's a
21 matter of doing a conference call with them -- I'm
22 going to make some recommendations. But if it's
23 a matter of just doing a conference call so I can
24 get them on the line, we can do that, please, sir.

25 Can I have all board members mute their

1 line, please?

2 I see that they -- any progress with
3 trying to reach the licensee?

4 MR. ORELLANA: I have reached them.
5 They stated that they turned off all their phones,
6 but it seems like they're still having challenges.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I just need
8 someone to unmute their line so I can talk to them.
9 That's all I need to -- so are they able to unmute
10 one line one more time to see if we can have a
11 conversation?

12 MR. ORELLANA: Yeah. I'll call them
13 again.

14 MS. NUNEZ: It says that I'm unmuted.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, you are.
16 Can --

17 MR. RUIZ: Mr. Chairman, I tried to
18 call the contact that I have -- oh wait. Hold on.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
20 Thank you.

21 All right. Were you able to get
22 through, Mr. Ruiz?

23 MR. RUIZ: Yeah. I have Mr. Nunez on
24 the line now.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can she hear us

1 if -- can you put her on speakerphone? Can she
2 identify herself for the record?

3 MR. RUIZ: Hold on. Let me unplug.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can I have
5 the -- can I have the licensee -- can they turn their
6 cameras on, please? Not the licensee -- I'm
7 talking the protestant.

8 Mr. Russell and Ms. Mai, can you put
9 your camera on, please?

10 Mr. Russell? All right.

11 MR. RUIZ: And through the
12 conference --

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can I hear --
14 can the licensee hear me?

15 Hi, Mr. Ruiz. Say it again. Two.

16 No. I'm going to conference -- I'm
17 going to try to conference call you in through this
18 number that we're on right now.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're on --
20 mute yourself, Mr. Ruiz, please.

21 All right, Mr. Ruiz. I'm sorry. I
22 need to make some decisions. So what is going on?

23 MR. RUIZ: I am adding -- calling in
24 through conference with them on the other line.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

1 MR. RUIZ: I hear you. I'm merging the
2 calls.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Ruiz, it's
4 my understanding you're trying to conference the
5 call in. I need to move on. I cannot sit here.
6 So what is happening? Are you there, sir?

7 MR. RUIZ: Yeah. The call-in info
8 wasn't going, but I hear you through the phone, so
9 there's some reception. It's crossing lines.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can they
11 hear -- can they hear me? Just tell me their name.
12 Can the licensee tell me his or her name?

13 MR. RUIZ: Say that again, Ms. Nunez.

14 MS. NUNEZ: Gladys Nunez. Can you
15 hear me?

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
17 All right. This is -- let me have the -- all the
18 parties. It appears that there might be the -- I
19 don't know what's going on with the licensee, but
20 this is what this -- where's Mr. Russell?

21 Mr. Russell?

22 All right. This matter was scheduled
23 for protest -- this matter was scheduled for a
24 protest hearing -- excuse me -- on -- for 1:30
25 today. It appears that the licensee's having some

1 technical challenges, and I don't know what is
2 going on.

3 We did have the protest hearing --
4 status hearing -- a couple of weeks ago, and the
5 licensee did participate in that process
6 virtually.

7 I don't know what is going on today, and
8 so I am not going to -- I'm not going to penalize
9 the licensee because they're having technical
10 difficulties.

11 So what I'm going to do -- they're going
12 to continue this hearing until -- the hearing will
13 be continued to May 23rd at 1:30 p.m. May 23rd at
14 1:30 p.m. May 23rd at 1:30 p.m.

15 MR. RUSSELL: Okay. Okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: At that
17 hearing, both parties will be permitted to amend
18 their PIP, but therefore, both parties will be
19 permitted to amend their PIP.

20 And secondly, the applicant will be
21 instructed to show up in person at our office, and
22 our office will provide them with a laptop computer
23 from the ABCA office so they can participate in this
24 hearing, so therefore, we will not have any issues.

25 And so we will have this hearing on

1 March -- I'm sorry -- May 23rd at 1:30 p.m., with
2 or without the licensee, because we will instruct
3 that they show up in person to the ABCA office. We
4 will provide them with a laptop computer so they
5 can participate virtually on this hearing and that
6 they will not have any technological issues.

7 MR. RUSSELL: Are they able to
8 reschedule it if they want to, or is this set in
9 stone?

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This hearing is
11 scheduled for May 23rd at 1:30 in the afternoon.

12 MR. RUSSELL: What if they do not
13 attend it?

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: May 23rd at
15 1:30 in the afternoon.

16 MR. RUSSELL: Okay.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If they do not
18 attend that, at the protest hearing, then this --
19 this is an application to renew their license, then
20 their license will not be renewed.

21 MR. RUSSELL: Okay. Thank you so
22 much.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay? That
24 is --

25 MR. RUSSELL: Jessica, Ms. Mai -- did

1 Jessica have anything else to say -- to add?

2 I just want to let her have some space
3 to talk as well since we've been waiting for an
4 hour.

5 MS. MAI: No. I don't have any
6 additional comments.

7 Thank you, everybody, especially to the
8 protesters, the members of our community that were
9 able to show up today. And we'll see you guys in
10 a couple weeks.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: On May 23rd
12 at -- oh, hold on. No.

13 Basically, what would happen is that
14 the -- if they do not participate in the process,
15 their license has expired, then the Agency -- then
16 they cannot sell and serve alcohol until they have
17 a proper license. Okay?

18 Anyway, so that's the decision, and we
19 will pass that on to the licensee that we will --
20 this hearing, then, is continued to May 23rd at 1:30
21 p.m. The licensee comes and the protestors will
22 be available virtually from wherever they want to
23 be.

24 But the licensee will be instructed to
25 show up in person at our office where we will

1 provide them a laptop computer for them to
2 participate in this process. Okay?

3 And so we will reach out to the parties
4 to ensure that they are there. And also, as I
5 stated before, both parties will be allowed to
6 amend their PIP. Okay?

7 MR. RUSSELL: Thank you, Mr. Anderson.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you very
9 much. Have a great day.

10 MS. MAI: Thank you. Have a good day,
11 everybody.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

13 With that said, we are at the end of our
14 agenda for the day.

15 As Chairperson of the Alcoholic
16 Beverage and Cannabis Board for the District of
17 Columbia, and in accordance with Title III, Chapter
18 405, Office of Open Government, I move that ABC
19 Board hold a closed meeting on May 17, 2023, for
20 the purpose of discussing and hearing reports
21 concerning ongoing or planned investigations of
22 alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations
23 of law or regulations and seeking legal advice from
24 our legal counsel on the Board's investigative
25 agenda, legal agenda, and licensing agenda for May

1 17th as published in the DC Registry on May 12th.

2 Is there a second?

3 Mr. Short has seconded the motion. I
4 will take a roll call both on the motion before us
5 noted and now has been second.

6 Mr. Short.

7 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato.

9 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen.

11 MEMBER HANSEN: Jenny Hansen. I

12 agree.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis.

14 MEMBER GRANDIS: Aye.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson.

16 I agree.

17 As it appears that the motion has passed
18 5-0, I hereby give notice that the ABC Board will
19 hold this closed meeting pursuant to Open Meetings
20 Act notice the law has to be posted on the ABC Board
21 Hearing Room bulletin board placed on the
22 electronic calendar and ABCA'S website and
23 published in the DC Register --

24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
25 went off the record at 2:33 p.m.)

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