

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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2007 14th Street :
Productions, LLC, :
t/a The Owl Room :
2007 14th Street NW : Protest
Retailer CT - ANC 5F : Hearing (Status)
License #76116 :
Case # 23-PRO-00034 :
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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:

CANDACE FITCH, Applicant's Counsel
SABEL HARRIS, ANC 1B
SCOTT HERMAN, Applicant
JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff

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

2 11:02 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

4 We're on the record.

5 Good morning. As Chairperson of the
6 Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board for the
7 District of Columbia, and in accordance with DC
8 Code Section 2571(C), the Open Meetings Act, OMA,
9 I'm welcoming you to the regularly scheduled
10 meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis
11 Board.

12 This meeting has been conducted
13 pursuant to guidance made available by the District
14 of Columbia's Office of Open Government regarding
15 electronic meetings held by public bodies.
16 Electronic meetings by the ABC Board are authorized
17 pursuant to Section 2577A of the DC Code.

18 Pursuant to the automated
19 requirements, notice of today's meeting was
20 provided 48 hours in advance of the meeting and on
21 ABCA's website and on the District's Central
22 Meeting Calendar. The notice included the time,
23 date, agenda, and call-in information for public
24 participation.

25 This electronic meeting is being hosted

1 by a Webex account provided by the District of
2 Columbia government.

3 Please address any questions or
4 complaints to the OOG at opengovoffice@dc.gov.

5 My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm
6 Chairperson of the Board.

7 I would like to introduce the other
8 members of the ABC Board who are also participating
9 electronically. Please respond when I announce
10 your name.

11 Mr. James Short.

12 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short,
13 present.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bobby Cato.

15 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, present.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni
17 Hansen.

18 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, present.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Edward
20 Grandis.

21 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis,
22 present.

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

1 Before we get on the way with today's
2 hearing calendar, I need to make a few instructions
3 very clear so that the conduct of this hearing is
4 understood by everyone.

5 We have five cases scheduled for this
6 morning's calendar. Once a case is called, I would
7 like to take a moment for IT specialist to elevate
8 the rights for each party to enable their camera
9 and microphone. Then, and only then, will you have
10 the ability to any of your equipment. If your case
11 has not been heard, you will remain mute, and your
12 camera will be disabled.

13 At the conclusion of each case, the
14 parties will have the option to leave. If the
15 party chooses to stay, all cameras and microphones
16 of the concluded case will be disabled. Should you
17 have any questions or require technical assistance
18 during the hearing, please submit them using the
19 question-and-answer feature.

20 And before I call the first case, I want
21 to apologize to the public for our delayed start
22 this morning. Our executive meeting that we have
23 every morning before all our public meetings -- it
24 took much longer than I had anticipated, so I do
25 apologize for the delay in starting at 10:30 this

1 morning.

2 All right. So the first case on our
3 calendar this morning is a protest hearing status,
4 Case No. 23-PRO-00034, The Owl Room, License No.
5 76116.

6 Good morning, Mr. Orellana. Can you
7 please elevate the rights of the parties in this
8 case, please?

9 MR. ORELLANA: Good morning, everyone.
10 Candace Fitch, your access has been
11 elevated.

12 Sabel Harris, your access has been
13 elevated.

14 That appears to be all, sir.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

16 MS. FITCH: Candace Fitch, present.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The other
18 camera didn't turn on, Ms. Fitch.

19 MS. FITCH: Oh, I'm sorry. If I could
20 see where to do that.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And I apologize
22 for our delayed start this morning, but --

23 All right, Ms. Fitch. Good morning.
24 I still can't see you, but we can move on, ma'am.

25 Can you spell and state your name for

1 the record? And who is it that you represent?

2 MS. FITCH: Candace Fitch,
3 C-A-N-D-A-C-E F-I-T-C-H. And I am the attorney
4 for the licensee.

5 MR. HERMAN: Good morning.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is the licensee
7 going to join us this morning?

8 MS. FITCH: It was my understanding
9 their manager, Scott Herman, would be in here this
10 morning. I don't know if he is a participant that
11 you didn't know about.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. I see
13 Mr. Herman.

14 Mr. Herman, can you please spell and
15 state your name for the record, please?

16 MR. HERMAN: Hi. Scott Herman,
17 S-C-O-T-T. Herman, H-E-R-M-A-N.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.
19 And I can't see either folks, but that's all right.

20 MR. HERMAN: I clicked on "start
21 video." There we go.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
23 Now I can see you, sir. All right. Fine.

24 MS. FITCH: Yeah. I don't know why
25 mine's not working either. Sorry.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Harris,
2 good morning. Can you please spell and state your
3 name for the record, please?

4 MS. HARRIS: Yeah. This is Sabel
5 Harris, S-A B as in boy, E-L H-A-R-R-I-S, and I
6 represent ANC 1B.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
8 Ms. Harris.

9 Good morning, again, everyone. Are
10 there any preliminary matters in this case?

11 MS. HARRIS: We have reached a
12 settlement agreement, and it is signed. However,
13 it was just this morning, so we will be transmitting
14 that to the Board later today.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Both
16 sides. All right. So well then, it's good to
17 hear. The Board is always happy when there are
18 settlement agreements because -- and I can --

19 I like the way, Ms. Fitch, conveniently
20 when Ms. Harris said there's a settlement
21 agreement, I can now see you. Were you shy before?

22 MS. FITCH: Technology. I swear it's
23 technology.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, but that's
25 all good. I'm glad to hear that there's an

1 agreement.

2 I was about to say that the matter was
3 scheduled -- would be scheduled for a protest
4 hearing on the 28th, but since that's -- so I will
5 dispense with that. I'm glad that the parties
6 were able to settle this matter.

7 Please submit the agreement to the
8 Board. The Board will review it, and if it's
9 legally sufficient, we will approve it.

10 So thank you very much for being here
11 today. And have a great day.

12 MS. FITCH: Thank you.

13 MR. HERMAN: Thank you.

14 MS. HARRIS: Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

16 Bye-bye.

17 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
18 went off the record at 11:08 a.m.)

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