

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
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ROLL CALL HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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H M Theatre and Jazz :
Lounge, LLC, :
t/a Bravo Lounge :
2917 Georgia Ave NW : Roll Call
Retailer CT - ANC 1E : Hearing
License #ABRA-118192 :
Case #23-PRO-00043 :
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(License Renewal) :
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Monday
May 15, 2023

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board met via WebEx videoconference, LaVerne Fletcher, Board's Agent, presiding.

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABCA Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

ENRIQUE CACERES, Abutting Property Owner
MULUGETTA REDDA, Licensee

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

2 10:26 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The next case on the
4 calendar is Bravo Lounge. This is Case No. 23-
5 PRO-00043, H M Theatre and Jazz Lounge, LLC, 2017
6 Georgia Avenue, N.W., License No. ABRA-118192.

7 This is a Retailer Class CT license
8 renewal. The protest issues are adverse impact
9 on peace, order, and quiet. My name is LaVerne
10 Fletcher conducting the roll call hearing as the
11 Board's agent.

12 Is anyone present on behalf of the
13 establishment? Is anyone present on behalf of
14 Bravo Lounge?

15 I was in communication with the
16 Applicant this morning. I'm expecting the
17 Applicant to appear.

18 Sir, you are on mute. I can't hear
19 you but I see you. Can you hear me?

20 MR. REDDA: Yeah, I can hear you.

21 MS. FLETCHER: I hear you now, too.

22 MR. REDDA: Okay. Perfect.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

24 MR. REDDA: Mulugetta Redda, M-U-L-U-
25 G-E-T-T-A, last name R-E-D-D-A.

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MS. FLETCHER: Spell the last name again?

MR. REDDA: R-E-D-D-A.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

Is anyone present on behalf -- well, actually, Mr. Redda, you and ANC-1E already entered into a settlement agreement --

MR. REDDA: Yes.

MS. FLETCHER: -- which had already been submitted so there is no requirement for ANC-1E to be present but if there is anyone present on behalf of ANC-1E, they can say so but it's not a requirement. I know you've entered into a settlement agreement.

Is the abutting property owner present?

MR. CACERES: Yes, ma'am.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. If you could please spell your name for the record.

MR. CACERES: Sure. First name Enrique, E-N-R-I-Q-U-E. Last name is Caceres, C-A-C-E-R-E-S.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Mr. Caceres, you filed your protest as the abutting

1 property owner?

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3 MR. CACERES: Yes, ma'am.

4 MS. FLETCHER: And it appears that you
5 are an abutting property owner.

6 Mr. Redda, would you disagree with
7 that?

8 MR. REDDA: Yes, he is a property
9 owner next to me.

10 MS. FLETCHER: His property abuts
11 yours?

12 MR. REDDA: Yes, his property is next
13 to me, yes.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, thank you.

15 Mr. Caceres, that means that you are
16 granted standing as an abutting property owner
17 and we need to set a date for a status hearing, a
18 protest hearing, and a mediation. The date for
19 the status hearing is June 28, 2023, at 10:30
20 a.m. That's for the status hearing.

21 MR. CACERES: Yes, ma'am.

22 MS. FLETCHER: The protest hearing is
23 set for July 26. That is July 26 at 1:30 in the
24 afternoon. I will give you the next available
25 date for mediation. Let's see. The next

1 available day is Monday, June 5, at 1:30 in the
2 afternoon. Well, actually, at 11:30 or 1:30 in
3 the afternoon. That's on Monday, June 5, if
4 that's good for anybody.

5 MR. REDDA: That's fine.

6 MR. CACERES: Yeah, that would be fine
7 with me. The afternoon would work best.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Afternoon would work
9 best? Who would the afternoon work best for?
10 This is for the record.

11 MR. CACERES: Oh, I apologize. This
12 is Enrique.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. The afternoon
14 works best, Enrique?

15 MR. CACERES: Yes, ma'am.

16 MS. FLETCHER: 1:30 works best for
17 you.

18 Mr. Redda, what about 1:30 for you?

19 MR. REDDA: That works for me, too.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Redda, there was a
21 recent name change for your establishment?

22 MR. REDDA: Yes. I submitted the name
23 change application to ABRA with the payment and I
24 believe it has been completed.

25 MS. FLETCHER: I was just stating that

1 for the record. What I have here it was Skylit
2 Lounge did you say?

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4 MR. REDDA: Yes, ma'am.

5 MS. FLETCHER: And Skylit is spelled
6 S-K-Y-L-I-T?

7 MR. REDDA: Yes, ma'am.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Lounge?

9 MR. REDDA: Yes.

10 MS. FLETCHER: This is just for the
11 record because the name of the establishment is
12 now Bravo Lounge which is what I have. I just
13 wanted to clarify that for the record.

14 Okay. Any questions at all? I will
15 send you the WebEx invitation to attend the
16 mediation on June 5. If there are no questions,
17 this roll call hearing is concluded.

18 MR. CACERES: Thank you, ma'am.

19 MR. REDDA: Thank you.

20 MS. FLETCHER: You are very welcome.
21 Thank you for coming.

22 That is the last case on the calendar
23 today.

24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
25 went off the record at 10:33 a.m.)

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