

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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 Noah Limited Liability            :  
 Company, LLC,                     :  
 t/a Boulevard Lounge            : Protest Hearing  
 6233 Georgia Ave NW             : (Status)  
 License #115385                  :  
 Retailer CT - ANC 4B             :  
 Case #23-PRO-00037             :  
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 (Substantial Change -            :  
 Increase in Occupancy)         :  
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Wednesday  
 May 17, 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:

ALI GOLDSTONE, Protestant  
 MATTHEW MINORA, Applicant's Counsel  
 JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff

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

2 10:42 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case  
4 in our calendar is Case No. 23-PRO-00037,  
5 Boulevard Lounge, License No. 115385.

6 Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate  
7 the rights of the licensee and the protestant in  
8 this case, please?

9 MR. ORELLANA: Your access has been  
10 elevated.

11 Ali Goldstone, your access has been  
12 elevated.

13 That appears to be all, Chairman.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

15 Good morning, Mr. Minora. Can you  
16 please spell and state your name for the record,  
17 please?

18 MR. MINORA: Good morning, Mr. Chair  
19 and board members. My name is Matthew Minora, M-  
20 A-T-T-H-E-W, M-I-N-O-R-A. I'm from the law firm  
21 of Mallios, O'Brien & Sandground and we are ABC  
22 licensed counsel for the licensee.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

24 MR. MINORA: Good morning.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Goldstone,

1 can you identify yourself for the record, please?

2 MS. GOLDSTONE: Okay.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, ma'am.

4 MS. GOLDSTONE: Okay, great. My name  
5 is Ali Goldstone, A-L-I, G-O-L-D-S-T-O-N-E.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who do you  
7 represent, ma'am?

8 MS. GOLDSTONE: Sorry, I think my  
9 audio is not good.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can hear you.  
11 I heard your name, but who do you represent?

12 MS. GOLDSTONE: Yeah, my audio is not  
13 coming in now. Sorry.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can hear you  
15 perfectly, ma'am.

16 MS. GOLDSTONE: I can't.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

18 MS. GOLDSTONE: Sometimes my laptop  
19 gets finicky. Can you hear me and can I hear  
20 you? Can you give me a test?

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can -- I've  
22 heard you perfectly.

23 MS. GOLDSTONE: Okay. And I can hear  
24 you loud and clear now too. Sorry.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, so who do

1 you represent, ma'am?

2 MS. GOLDSTONE: I'm a representative  
3 of a group of neighbors that live in the blocks  
4 just west of the Boulevard Lounge.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, so you're  
6 a group of five or more. So listen, if Mr.  
7 Minora, this is the only group that's protesting  
8 the license?

9 MR. MINORA: Correct.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,  
11 fine. Are there any preliminary matters you need  
12 to bring to the attention of the board?

13 MR. MINORA: I think we had a very  
14 good mediation session and Ms. Goldstone and I  
15 discussed a potential draft settlement agreement,  
16 but from what I understand now, she's the only  
17 one in the group that seems amenable to having a  
18 settlement agreement at all regardless of the  
19 content. So, we'll probably see you again in  
20 July, unfortunately.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I believe  
22 that if the parties try hard enough, they may be  
23 able to settle this matter. I'm not saying that  
24 you haven't tried hard enough, the agency  
25 supports a settlement agreement. And this is --

1 it's not on your license, so whatever decision  
2 that we make today, this establishment will still  
3 be in the neighborhood. So if the parties are  
4 able to settle, the agency, the board supports  
5 that, but if this matter is not scheduled, this  
6 matter will be scheduled for a protest hearing on  
7 July 19th, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

8 Just want to advise the parties that  
9 if this matter goes to a protest hearing by seven  
10 days prior to the hearing, the parties are  
11 required to submit a PIP. And this PIP has to be  
12 disclosed to the other side and also to the  
13 agency, and the PIP also is important because it  
14 defines the issues, it puts the other side on  
15 notice what the issues are, that if we go to a  
16 protest hearing, what the issues are that needs  
17 to be discussed. The parties are -- you have one  
18 hour to present your case and you can only rely  
19 on qualified witnesses.

20 Any questions by anyone about the  
21 process?

22 MR. MINORA: No, sir.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Our agency will  
24 provide you information regarding the process,  
25 the PIP and whatever the process moving along. I

1 will ask the parties if the parties are able to  
2 continue talking to see if this matter can be  
3 resolved, but if it cannot be resolved we will  
4 see you on July 19th at 1:30 p.m., okay?

5 All right, have a great day. Thank  
6 you very much.

7 MS. GOLDSTONE: Thank you.

8 MR. MINORA: Thank you.

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