## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD + + + + +

MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :

Azzouz Hospitality, LLC, : t/a ZOOZ

636 Maine Ave SW

Retailer CT - ANC 6D : Protest Hearing License #124023 : (Status)

Case #23-PRO-00045 :

(Application for a New : License)

Wednesday June 7, 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:

CAMERON MIXON, Applicant's Counsel JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff

	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S			
2	(10:55 a.m.)			
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The next			
4	case in our calendar is Case Number 23-PRO-00045,			
5	ZOOZ, Z-O-O-Z, License Number 124023.			
6	Mr. Orellana, can you please again elevate			
7	the rights of the licensee and the protestant in this			
8	case, please?			
9	MR. MIXON: Hello. Cameron Mixon. Also			
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, Mr. Mixon,			
11	hold on. We need to elevate the protestant.			
12	MR. ORELLANA: Oh, well, I think that's what			
13	he's going to clear up. The protestant			
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Mr. Mixon, go			
15	ahead, sir.			
16	MR. MIXON: Hi, also Cameron Mixon, also			
17	counsel to the licensee in this case, ZOOZ. We are in			
18	the midst of the settlement process and are awaiting			
19	final confirmation from the protestants.			
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And did the			
21	protestant ask you to fill in for them today, sir, or			
22	why are they not here today?			
23	MR. MIXON: I'm not aware of the			
24	protestants' decision with respect to today. I			
25	imagine that they would be here, but I had last spoken			

to them yesterday.

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CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, who's the protestant in this case, sir? And Mr. Mixon, if you have a camera, I'd prefer when I'm speaking to folks that they, if they have a camera, they turn their camera on, sir.

Bob Link, okay. All right. So if you have a camera, Mr. Mixon, I would appreciate if you can turn your camera on?

MR. MIXON: Yes, sir. To answer your question, it's ANC6D, which, yes, Bob Link I believe is commissioner.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I see that in the chat that we have asked for the protestant to identify themself, and if the protestant fails to identify themself then I need to dismiss the protestant unless they - yes, good morning, sir. Good to see you.

I'm not familiar with you, sir, so, and it has always been my position that I ask all -- I ask everyone who participates in front of me, unless there is some reason, that you appear on camera, sir. All right?

MR. MIXON: Understood.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. All

right, so let's ask, is the protestant from ANC6D 1 2 online? 3 (No response.) CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 4 No one has 5 identified themself as representing the protestants' This matter was scheduled for a protestant 6 7 hearing status at 10:30 this morning. It is 10:58. 8 I've called the case and the protestant is not here, 9 there I'm going to make a motion that the protest be dismissed. Is there a second? 10 11 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has 13 seconded the motion. I'll have a roll call vote. 14 Short? 15 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato? 17 Bobby Cato, I agree. MEMBER CATO: 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen? 19 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis? 20 21 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I agree. 2.2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson, I 23 agree. The matter passes 5-0-0. 2.4 What this means, sir, is that the protestant 25 will issue a board -- a board order dismissing the

protestant. The protestant will be given ten days to provide the board reasonable notice why they failed to appear here today.

Failure on the part of the protestant to give reasonable notice to the board -- is Chander Jayaraman, is he the protestant in this case? I believe he's from ANC6.

Mr. -- no? All right, then you're not the protestant in this case. Okay, so failure by the protestant to give reasonable notice to the Board why they failed to appear here today. We'll dismiss this matter. And the Board will direct the agency to move forward with issuing of the license, okay? All right, so have a great day. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 10:59 a.m.)

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