

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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M&F Enterprises, LLC :
t/a The Italian Bar :
5008 Connecticut Ave NW : Show Cause
Retailer CR - ANC 3F : Hearing (Status)
License No. 119392 :
Case #24-CIT-00134 :
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Wednesday
June 12, 2024

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
SILAS GRANT, JR., Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff
CAROLYN PAPETTI, Applicant
ANTHONY CELO, DC OAG

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

2 10:39 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're on the
4 record. Good morning. As Chairperson of the
5 Alcoholic Brewery and Cannabis Board for the
6 District of Columbia, in accordance with D.C.
7 Code Section 2571 of the Open Meetings Act, OMA,
8 I am welcoming you to the regular scheduled
9 meeting of the Alcoholic Brewery and Cannabis
10 Board.

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

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

25 This electronic meeting has been

1 hosted by a WebEx account provided by the
2 District of Columbia Government. Please address
3 any questions or complaints to the OOG at
4 opengovoffice@dc.gov.

5 My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm
6 Chairperson of the Board. I would like to
7 introduce the other members of the ABC Board who
8 are also participating electronically. Please
9 respond when I announce your name.

10 Mr. James Short.

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

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Silas
14 Grant.

15 MR. GRANT: Mr. Silas Grant, present.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has
17 three members in attendance for the conduct of
18 business today, and that constitutes a quorum.

19 Before we get underway with today's
20 hearing calendar, I need to make a few
21 instructions very clear so that the content of
22 these hearings is understood by everyone.

23 There are seven cases on today's
24 calendar. Once your case is called, I will take
25 a moment for the IT specialists to elevate the

1 rights for each party and to enable their camera
2 and microphone. Then, and only then, will you
3 have the ability to enable your equipment.

4 If your case has not been heard, you
5 will remain mute and your camera will be
6 disabled. At the conclusion of each case, the
7 parties will have the option to leave.

8 If the party chooses to stay, all
9 cameras and microphones for the concluded case
10 will be disabled. Should you have any questions
11 or require technical assistance during the
12 hearing, please submit them using the
13 question-and-answer feature.

14 Our first case today, our show-cause
15 hearing status calendar, is case number 24-
16 CIT-00134, the Italian Bar, license number
17 119392.

18 Good morning, Mr. Orellana. Can you
19 please elevate the parties in this case?

20 MR. ORELLANA: Good morning, Chairman.
21 Carolyn Papetti, your access has been elevated.
22 Anthony Celo, your access has been elevated.

23 That appears to be all, Chairman.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Good
25 morning. Good morning. Do you have a camera,

1 ma'am, you can turn on?

2 MS. PAPETTI: I have a camera, and it
3 seems to not be working. It says it's open in
4 another app when I was trying to get ready this
5 morning. I apologize. I'm trying to figure out
6 where it's open.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
8 That's fine, ma'am.

9 Mr. Celo.

10 MS. PAPETTI: Is it working now?

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, it's not,
12 but we're fine. All right.

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

15 MR. CELO: Assistant Attorney General
16 Anthony Celo, A-N-T-H-O-N-Y C-E-L-O, on behalf
17 of the district.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
19 Mr. Celo.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Papetti,
21 can you please spell and state your name for the
22 record and your relationship to the
23 establishment?

24 MS. PAPETTI: It's Carolyn Papetti,
25 C-A-R-O-L-Y-N, last name Papetti, P-A-P-E-T-T-I,

1 and I'm the owner.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
3 ma'am.

4 All right, Mr. Celo, are there any
5 preliminary matters in this case?

6 MR. CELO: No, Mr. Chair. The
7 district would only note that the parties have
8 been in discussion regarding settlement, and they
9 are ongoing.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
11 fine. This matter then is scheduled for a show
12 cause hearing on July 10th, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

13 I can now see you, ma'am.

14 What this means is that seven days
15 prior to the hearing, if there are going to be
16 documents and witnesses that the parties are
17 going to rely on, the parties are required to
18 exchange those documents and witnesses seven days
19 prior to the hearing to defend its position.

20 Failure by either side to disclose
21 documents and witnesses seven days prior to the
22 hearing, the board is empowered to prevent that
23 side from relying on those documents unless good
24 cause is shown.

25 Do you have any questions, ma'am?

1 MS. PAPETTI: Yes, I believe you said
2 it's at 10:30 a.m. I have 1:30 p.m. for July
3 10th.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I have July
5 10th at 10:30.

6 Is that the same that you have, Mr.
7 Celso?

8 MR. CELO: I am looking now. I would
9 need to pull the document. I did not have that up
10 in front of me.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

12 Let me find it. Hold on one minute, please.
13 That's information that's on my calendar, but let
14 me make sure that I'm --

15 MS. PAPETTI: I'm just reading from
16 the original citation letter for this date and
17 the July date. I'm not sure if it's an error.
18 Let me --

19 All right. I have on my calendar July
20 10th at 10:30 a.m. I will make sure, ma'am, that
21 our legal office will confirm the time. I have
22 not gotten a response, but I can only go with --
23 I don't have the show cause notice.

24 That's what I was looking for that you
25 said that you have, but the information that's

1 given to me by legal, it says July 10th at 10:30
2 a.m.

3 If that time is incorrect, ma'am, I
4 will make sure that the legal office contacts
5 both parties to correct the time of the hearing.
6 Okay? I'm sorry?

7 MS. PAPETTI: I should receive an
8 email a couple days prior with the link anyway,
9 so it would be clarified in that email, I'm
10 assuming?

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, but I will
12 make sure that you know by close of business
13 today.

14 MS. PAPETTI: Appreciate it. Thank
15 you.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'll make sure
17 that you -- I'm sorry. Go ahead, sir.

18 MR. CELO: Mr. Chair, I can confirm
19 that the show cause notice did say 1:30.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If the show
21 cause notice states 1:30, then the hearing then
22 is scheduled for -- because we always go with the
23 notices on the show cause, the time on the show
24 cause notice unless there is a change.

25 So it's scheduled for then for July

1 10th at 1:30 p.m. If there is a change, I will
2 make sure that the parties are contacted by close
3 of business today.

4 I'm being told by legal it's July 10th
5 at 10:30. Okay? So it is July 10th at 10:30,
6 ma'am. Okay? So the hearing is July 10th at
7 10:30. Okay? So that is the correct time. It's
8 July 10th at 10.30. Okay?

9 Any other questions, ma'am? All
10 right. If the parties decide to settle this
11 matter, this matter can be settled this through a
12 written OIC prior. But if not, I will see you
13 July 10th at 10.30. Okay?

14 MS. PAPETTI: Okay. Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
16 Thank you. Have a great day.

17 MS. PAPETTI: You too.

18 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went
19 off the record at 10:49 a.m.)
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