DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF:

1547 7th Ventures, LLC, :

t/a Ambar 1547-1549 7th Street NW :

Retailer CR - ANC 2G : Protest Hearing License #100804 : (Status)

Case #23-PRO-00047

(Application to Renew : the License)

Wednesday June 28, 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:

CRAIG KUJAWA

CAMERON MIXON, Applicant's Counsel

ALEXANDER PADRO, ANC 2G

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff

1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	10:59 a.m.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The
4	next case in our calendar is Case Number 23-PRO-
5	00047, Ambar, License No. 100804.
6	Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate
7	the rights of the Protestants in this case? I
8	believe that Mr. Mixon also represents Ambar.
9	MR. ORELLANA: Alexander M. Padro,
10	your access has been elevated. That is all,
11	Chairman.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
13	thank you.
14	I believe that also, for 600 T Street,
15	there might be someone is there someone who
16	was supposed to call in for this case? I got a
17	text message that I'm just trying to find out
18	if there's an are all the parties represented
19	in this case, let me see.
20	MR. ORELLANA: Apologies, I think I
21	elevated the wrong person. This is the 600 T
22	Street?
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
24	MR. ORELLANA: Okay. Then that
25	(Simultaneous speaking.)

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And I thought
2	that person was supposed to have been on I
3	guess Craig
4	(Simultaneous speaking.)
5	MR. ORELLANA: We have Craig Kujawa.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
7	MR. ORELLANA: Your access has now
8	been elevated. Apologies, Chairman.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Now, is
10	this everyone for this case?
11	MR. ORELLANA: There is a Stephen
12	Lawrence, but he is not in attendance.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
14	Good morning, everyone. Let me have the parties
15	what happened to Mister I'm sorry, 600 T
16	Street. 600 T Street is
17	MR. KUJAWA: Morning, Mr. Chairman
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, I'm
19	sorry. Let's start at the beginning, because I
20	think I messed up. All right?
21	The case that I'm supposed to call is
22	Case Number 23-PRO-00047. All right, let me see.
23	I messed up, but maybe it's because the Board has
24	been off for two weeks, so I'm not as sharp as I
25	used to be. So, I apologize, Mr. Orellana.

The case that I'm calling is Case 1 2 Number 23-PRO-00047, Ambar. And Ambar, Mr. Mixon 3 is the attorney representing Ambar, and then we need to have Mr. Padro. So, I apologize, that 4 5 was my error. MR. ORELLANA: No worries. They have 6 7 been elevated. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, 9 okay. The Board has been on -- we were off for 10 the last two weeks. As I stated before, that's 11 one of the reasons why we were late this morning, 12 and maybe I'm a little bit rusty since I have not done a hearing in three weeks. So, I apologize 13 14 to the parties. 15 So, Mr. Mixon, can you please Okay. 16 identify yourself for the record, please? 17 MR. MIXON: Hello. Cameron Mixon, 18 counsel for the Applicant. That's Cameron, C-A-19 M-E-R-O-N, Mixon, M I-X-O-N. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, 21 sir. Mr. Padro, can you please spell and state 22 your name for the record, please? 23 MR. PADRO: Members of the Board, I am 24 Alexander M. Padro, A-L-E-X-A-N-D-E-R, M, P-A-D-

R-O. And I am the Chair of ANC 2G.

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CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Hold 1 2 I apologize for that. on. 3 All right. Mr. Mixon, are there any preliminary matters in this case, sir? 4 5 No preliminary matters. MR. MIXON: CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Padro? 6 7 No preliminary matters. MR. PADRO: 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 9 This matter, then, is scheduled for a Protest 10 Hearing on August 9 at 1:30 p.m. 11 Just want to remind parties -- I want 12 to remind all parties that, if this matter goes 13 to a Protest Hearing, seven days before the 14 hearing the parties are required to exchange a 15 PIF, exchange those documents with the other side 16 and share with the Agency. Failure by either 17 side to exchange the PIF seven days before the 18 hearing, the Board is empowered to prevent that 19 side from relying on documents and witnesses that have not been disclosed. 20 21 Again, if this matter goes to a 22 hearing, you'll have one hour to present your 23 case, and you can only call four Witnesses. 24 questions by anyone?

MR. PADRO: No, but I can share with

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you and the Board that we are in negotiations for a settlement agreement. We anticipate completing -- concluding that so that ANC 2G can approve that settlement agreement at its monthly public meeting on July 13, at which point we will be able to withdraw the protest.

So, it is our expectation that we will be able to resolve the matter through a settlement.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you very much for that representation, Mr. Padro. And as I stated before, the Board supports settlement, so if this matter can be settled as soon as possible, the Board supports that. Because, as you know, I think Mr. Mixon will be very happy, because currently he has two hearings on August 9 at 1:30, okay?

All right. Thank you for that representation. Good luck in your --

MR. PADRO: One other thing that --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Padro?

MR. PADRO: One other thing that will be helpful to you is I am in communication with Stephen Lawrence, who is the Licensee
Representative for 600 T. He is having

1	difficulty letting you know
2	(Simultaneous speaking.)
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, I have not
4	called that case of yet, Mr. Padro.
5	MR. PADRO: Oh, no, I just want to let
6	you know that he shared with me that he's having
7	trouble communicating the fact that he is on the
8	line, able to participate. So, just wanted to
9	communicate
10	(Simultaneous speaking.)
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yeah, okay.
12	Thank you for that I messed up this morning,
13	so I'll call that case next and then, hopefully,
14	we'll be able to correct that.
15	All right. Any other questions before
16	we move on? Mr. Mixon, any final comments?
17	MR. MIXON: No, that's all. Thank
18	you, Mr. Padro.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Padro?
20	MR. PADRO: None. Thank you, Mr.
21	Chairman.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
23	thank you very much. Good luck in your
24	negotiations, and I hope not to see you on August
25	9. That is meant with that says that the

1	parties have actually figured out a way how to
2	resolve this matter, okay? All right. Thank you
3	very much, have a great day.
4	MR. PADRO: Thank you. You, as well.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
6	thank you.
7	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
8	went off the record at 11:07 a.m.)
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