

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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 Kat, LLC, t/a Cloud                                 :  
 Restaurant & Lounge                                 :  
 Sports Bar   :  
 1919 9th Street NW                                 : Show Cause  
 License #93572   : Hearing (Status)  
 Retailer CT - ANC 1B                                 :  
 Case #22-CMP-00095                                 :  
    :  
 (Increase in Occupancy                             :  
 Without Board Approval)                           :  
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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:**

RICHARD BIANCO, Licensee's Counsel  
 TESFIT KIFLU, Licensee  
 JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff  
 CHRIS SOUTHCOTT, DC OAG

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

2 11:26 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case  
4 on our calendar is Case No. 22-CMP-00095, Cloud  
5 Restaurant and Lounge Sports Bar, License No.  
6 93572.

7 Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate  
8 the rights of the Licensee in this case, please.

9 MR. ORELLANA: Richard Bianco, your  
10 access has been elevated.

11 Tesfit Kiflu, your access has been  
12 elevated.

13 That is all, Chairman.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

15 Mr. Kiflu, do you have a camera you  
16 can turn on, sir?

17 All right. Mr. Bianco, good morning.  
18 Can you please -- I'm sorry.

19 Mr. Southcott, can you please identify  
20 yourself for the record.

21 MR. SOUTHCOTT: Good morning. My name  
22 is Chris Southcott. First name C-H-R-I-S, last  
23 name S-O-U-T-H-C-O-T-T, from D.C. Office of the  
24 Attorney General.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,

1 sir.

2 Mr. Bianco, can you please identify  
3 yourself for the record, please?

4 MR. BIANCO. Sure. Good morning, Mr.  
5 Chair, and members of the Board. My name is  
6 Richard Bianco. I'm here on behalf of the  
7 Applicant. I'm sorry, the Respondent. My name  
8 is spelled R-I-C-H-A-R-D B-I-A-N-C-O.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bianco, is  
10 your client Mr. Kiflu?

11 MR. BIANCO: That's correct.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Kiflu, can  
13 you please identify yourself for the record,  
14 please, by spelling and stating your -- by  
15 spelling and stating your first and last name,  
16 sir.

17 MR. KIFLU: My name is Tesfit Kiflu,  
18 T-E-S-F-I-T K-I-F-L-U. I'm the owner of Cloud.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
20 sir.

21 Mr. Southcott, are there any  
22 preliminary matters in this case?

23 MR. SOUTHCOTT: My understanding is no  
24 OICs have been transmitted to the establishment  
25 but, as of yet, I'm not aware of there being any

1 agreement.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Fine. Then  
3 this matter is scheduled for a show cause hearing  
4 on July 26 at 10:30 a.m. I just want to advise  
5 both parties that if this matter goes to a show  
6 cause hearing, seven days prior to the hearing  
7 you are required to exchange documents and  
8 witnesses that either side will be relying on at  
9 the hearing. Okay? Any questions?

10 MR. BIANCO: Nothing from the  
11 Respondent.

12 MR. SOUTHCOTT: Nothing from the  
13 Government.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
15 Hold on. All right. Thank you very much. Have  
16 a great day. I'll see you on July 26th at 10:30.  
17 Have a great day. Thank you.

18 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went  
19 off the record at 11:29 a.m.)  
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