

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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BHG Caf,, LLC, :
t/a Easy Company :
98 Blair Alley, SW : Protest Hearing
License #120622 : (Status)
Retailer CT - ANC 6D :
Case #22-PRO-00027 :
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(Application for a New :
License) :
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Wednesday
June 29, 2022

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

PRESENT:
DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member
JENI HANSEN, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:
EDWARD DANIELS, ANC 6D
SARAH FASHBAUGH, DC ABRA Staff
SIDON YOHANNES, Applicant Counsel

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

10:35 a.m.

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3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning  
4 everyone. As chairperson of the Alcoholic  
5 Beverage Control Board for the District of  
6 Columbia and in accordance with D.C. Code Section  
7 2-571 of the Open Meetings Act (OMA), I'm  
8 welcoming you to the regularly scheduled meeting  
9 of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. This  
10 meeting is being conducted pursuant to guidance  
11 made available by the District of Columbia's  
12 Office of Open Government regarding electronic  
13 meetings held by public bodies. Electronic  
14 meetings by the ABC Board are authorized pursuant  
15 to section 2-577(a) of the D.C. code. Pursuant  
16 to the OMA requirements, notice of today's  
17 meeting was provided 48 hours in advance of the  
18 meeting on ABRA's website and on the District's  
19 central meeting calendar. The notice included  
20 the time, date, agenda, and call-in or login  
21 information for public participation. This  
22 electronic meeting is being hosted by a WebEx  
23 account provided by the District of Columbia  
24 government. Please address any questions or  
25 complaints to the OOG at [opengovoffice@dc.gov](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).

1                   My name is Donovan Anderson, I'm  
2 chairman of the board. I would like to introduce  
3 other members of the ABC Board who are also  
4 participating electronically. Please respond  
5 when I announce your name. Mr. James Short.

6                   MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short,  
7 present.

8                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bobby Cato.

9                   MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, present.

10                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rafi  
11 Crockett.

12                  MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett,  
13 present.

14                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni Hansen  
15 is participating today, and her response will be  
16 presented in the chat, and so, Ms. Hansen is  
17 present today. Mr. Edward Grandis.

18                  MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis,  
19 present.

20                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has  
21 six members in attendance for the conduct of  
22 business today, and that constitutes a quorum.  
23 Before we get underway with today's hearing  
24 calendar, I need to make a few instructions very  
25 clear so that the conduct of these hearings is

1 understood by everyone. There are seven cases  
2 scheduled for this morning's calendar. Once your  
3 case is called, I will take a moment for our IT  
4 specialist to elevate the rights for each party  
5 to enable their camera and microphone. Then and  
6 only then will you have the ability to enable  
7 your equipment. If your case has not been heard  
8 you will remain mute, and your camera will be  
9 disabled. At the conclusion of each case the  
10 parties will have the option to leave. If the  
11 party chooses to stay, all cameras and  
12 microphones for the concluded case will be  
13 disabled. Should you have any questions or  
14 require technical assistance during the hearing,  
15 please submit them using the question and answer  
16 feature.

17 Our first order of business today,  
18 this is our protest hearing status calendar, Case  
19 # 22-PRO-00027, Easy Company, license #120622.  
20 Good morning, Ms. Fashbaugh. Can you please  
21 elevate the rights of the parties in this case,  
22 please.

23 MS. FASHBAUGH: Good morning. Please  
24 standby. Edward Daniels, your rights have been  
25 elevated. Sidon Yohannes, your rights have been

1 elevated. That is all, Mr. Chair.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

3 Good morning, everyone. Could I have the parties  
4 please spell and state their name for the  
5 records, starting with you, Ms. Yohannes.

6 MS. YOHANNES: Good morning. Sidon  
7 Yohannes on behalf of the applicant, and that's  
8 S-I-D-O-N Y-O-H-A-N-N-E-S.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Yohannes,  
10 is the applicant participating this morning?

11 MS. YOHANNES: No, he's not.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr.  
13 Daniels, can you please spell and state your name  
14 for the record, please, and who do you represent,  
15 sir.

16 MR. DANIELS: Sure. Thank you.  
17 Edward Daniels, chair of ANC 6D. That's E-D-W-A-  
18 R-D D-A-N-I-E-L-S.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
20 Mr. Daniels. Ms. Yohannes, are there any  
21 preliminary matters in this case?

22 MS. YOHANNES: No, none for the  
23 applicant.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any  
25 preliminary matters, Mr. Daniels?

1 MR. DANIELS: No.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This matter is  
3 scheduled for a protest hearing on July 13, 2022  
4 at 1:30 p.m. Would the parties wish for me to  
5 read the instructions for a protest hearing if  
6 this matter goes to court for a protest hearing  
7 or are the parties familiar with the process?

8 MS. YOHANNES: I believe we are  
9 familiar with the process.

10 MR. DANIELS: Familiar with the  
11 process. Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
13 Thank you, Mr. Daniels. I just wonder, then, the  
14 only part of it that I will remind both parties,  
15 if this matter goes to a protest hearing seven  
16 days before the hearing your PIP must be  
17 disclosed to the other party and also to ABRA  
18 legal. If you have any questions during the  
19 process you can reach out to Ms. Imani Moreland  
20 in our office, and her phone number is (202)-442-  
21 6942. The Board supports settlement agreements  
22 because when there is a settlement agreement it  
23 says that both parties are happy. If the Board  
24 has to make a determination, which we will, if we  
25 have to, then once side might be happy, and the

1 other side might be unhappy, so that's one of the  
2 reasons why the Board supports the parties coming  
3 to some type of agreement. If this matter is not  
4 settled we will see you then at a protest hearing  
5 on July 13 at 1:30 p.m. Have a good day. Thank  
6 you for being here this morning.

7 MR. DANIELS: Thank you.

8 MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.

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10 went off the record at 10:41 a.m.)  
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