

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF:
Black's 14th Street NW,
LLC, t/a Pearl Dive
Oyster Palace/Black Jack
1612 14th Street NW
License #85382 : Protest Hearing
Retailer CR - ANC 2F : (Status)
Case #22-PRO-00029
(Substantial Change -
Request for Entertainment:
Endorsement Indoors and
on the Sidewalk Caf,)
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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:

SARAH FASHBAUGH, DC ABRA Staff
BRIAN ROMANOWSKI, ANC 2F
SIDON YOHANNES, Applicant Counsel

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

2 10:41 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The
4 next case on our calendar is Case # 22-PRO-00029,
5 Pearl Dive Oyster Palace/Black Jack, license
6 #85382. Ms. Fashbaugh, can you please elevate
7 the rights of the protester in this case, please.

8 MS. YOHANNES: Brian Romanowski, your
9 rights have been elevated. That is all, Mr.
10 Chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
12 Good morning, everybody. Ms. Yohannes, can you
13 please spell and state your name for the record
14 and your relationship to this case, please.

15 MS. YOHANNES: Sidon Yohannes here on
16 behalf of the licensee, and that's S-I-D-O-N Y-O-
17 H-A-N-N-E-S.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
19 Ms. Yohannes. Will the licensee be participating
20 this morning?

21 MS. YOHANNES: No, he will not.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
23 Thank you. Mr. Romanowski, can you please spell
24 and state your name for the record and your
25 relationship to this case, please.

1 MR. ROMANOWSKI: Yes. Hi, I'm Brian
2 Romanowski. It's B-R-I-A-N, last name R-O-M-A-N-
3 O-W-S-K-I, and I am the ANC Commissioner for ANC
4 2F01, and I am representing ANC 2F.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
6 Good morning, sir. Are there any preliminary
7 matters, Ms. Yohannes?

8 MS. YOHANNES: No preliminary matters?

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Romanowski,
10 on the part of the ANC are there any preliminary
11 matters, sir?

12 MR. ROMANOWSKI: No.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. If
14 this matter is not settled, this matter is then
15 scheduled for a protest hearing on August 3, 2022
16 at 1:30 p.m. Are the parties familiar with the
17 process or do they need for me to read the
18 instructions for a protest hearing?

19 MR. ROMANOWSKI: We're familiar.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I just want to
21 remind both parties that if this matter goes to a
22 protest hearing, seven days prior to the hearing
23 both parties are required to submit the PIP to
24 the other side and to ABRA legal. If the PIP is
25 not submitted, the Board might prohibit the other

1 side from introducing documents and witnesses if
2 that has not been shared seven days prior to the
3 hearing. If you have any questions leading up to
4 the hearing, please contact Ms. Imani Moreland at
5 (202)442-6942 for assistance. Again, the Board
6 supports settlement agreements. If the parties
7 are unable to settle this matter, we will support
8 it, but if the parties are unable to settle this
9 matter, then we will see you on August 3, 2022 at
10 1:30 p.m. for the protest hearing. Thank you
11 very much and have a great day.

12 MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.

13 MR. ROMANOWSKI: Thank you.

14 (Whereupon the above-entitled matter
15 went off the record at 10:44 a.m.)
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Court Reporter

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