

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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Causa, LLC :
t/a Causa :
920 N Street NW : Protest
Retailer CR - ANC 2F : Hearing (Status)
License No. 114552 :
Case #22-PRO-00051 :
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(Application to Renew :
the License) :
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Wednesday
August 3, 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
CHAD SPANGLER, Applicant
ROBERT GOLDBERG, Blagden Alley/Naylor Court
Association

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

2 10:38 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
4 is Case Number 22-PRO-00051, Causa, License
5 Number 114552. Ms. Fashbaugh, can you please
6 elevate the rights of the parties in this case,
7 please?

8 MS. FASHBAUGH: Good morning. Please
9 stand by.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

11 MS. FASHBAUGH: I do not see the
12 licensee, Chad Spangler. If you're the licensee,
13 please send me a chat. Robert Goldberg is not
14 present. But I do see BANCA, so I'm making them
15 a panelist.

16 MR. GOLDBERG: Hi, there. I don't
17 know why my camera is not working, so I apologize
18 for that. It says it's not able to connect.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sorry. You
20 are? And who are you, sir? I'm sorry.

21 MR. GOLDBERG: Sorry. I'm Robert
22 Goldberg. I represent -- there we go. There's
23 my camera. I'm Robert Goldberg, and I represent
24 BANCA. Can you hear me?

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, I can hear

1 you.

2 MR. GOLDBERG: Sorry about that.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm trying to
4 find out where is the --

5 MR. GOLDBERG: The applicant?

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The applicant.

7 MR. GOLDBERG: Let me see if I can
8 text him. I just sent him a text message.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm not sure if
10 he's having technical difficulties, so that's one
11 of the reasons why I'm trying to -- and if not,
12 we'll recall this case if he doesn't respond to
13 you.

14 MR. GOLDBERG: Would you like me to
15 give you an update of kind of where we're at?
16 Would that be helpful?

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Unfortunately,
18 I'll have to wait for him to be on the line to do
19 that, but I do appreciate that. Thank you.

20 MR. GOLDBERG: Oh, he said he wasn't
21 sent the link. Can I send him the link that I
22 received, Mr. Anderson?

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. Ms.
24 Fashbaugh, will that same link work?

25 MS. FASHBAUGH: It should.

1 MR. GOLDBERG: Okay. I'm sending it
2 to him right now.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

4 MR. GOLDBERG: I just sent it. Okay.
5 So he just received it. Sorry about that.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So
7 he has the link, and so, Ms. Fashbaugh, please
8 look for --

9 MR. GOLDBERG: He said he's logging in
10 right now.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
12 Thank you. And thank you for your assistance,
13 Mr. Goldberg.

14 MR. GOLDBERG: Oh, of course.
15 Absolutely.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Fashbaugh,
17 do you see Mr. Goldberg on the line? Oh, I'm
18 sorry, Mr. Spangler. I'm sorry.

19 MS. FASHBAUGH: He just arrived. He's
20 now a panelist.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr.
22 Spangler, are you there, sir?

23 MR. SPANGLER: Yes. Can you hear me?

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, I can hear
25 you. I can't see you, but I can hear you.

1 MR. SPANGLER: Okay. I'm trying to
2 figure out the camera. Thank you very much for
3 your patience as I obtained the link.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, we can
5 start since I can hear you. All right. So good
6 morning, everyone.

7 So, Mr. Spangler, can you please spell
8 and state your name for the record and identify
9 your relationship to this establishment, sir.

10 MR. SPANGLER: Absolutely. My name is
11 Chad Spangler, C-H-A-D, S-P-A-N-G-L-E-R. I am an
12 owner at Causa DC located at 920 N Rear Street,
13 Northwest, in Blagden Alley, Washington, D.C.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
15 sir. All right. Mr. Goldberg, can you please
16 spell and state your name for the record and your
17 representation?

18 MR. GOLDBERG: Absolutely. My name is
19 Robert Goldberg, R-O-B-E-R-T, G-O-L-D-B-E-R-G.
20 And I represent the Blagden Alley Naylor Court
21 Association.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.
23 Are there any procedural matters that needs to be
24 brought to the attention of the parties? Mr.
25 Spangler, any procedural, not substantive, just

1 procedural issues that you would like to bring to
2 the attention of the Board?

3 MR. SPANGLER: No, thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Goldberg?

5 MR. GOLDBERG: No, we've had a
6 mediation session with Ms. Fletcher, and Mr.
7 Spangler and I are working with the neighbors on
8 coming to an agreement.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. If
10 there is no agreement reached, this matter will
11 be scheduled for a protest hearing on September
12 14th, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

13 Have the parties ever participated in
14 a protest hearing before?

15 MR. GOLDBERG: Yes.

16 MR. SPANGLER: I have not participated
17 in a full hearing before.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Now
19 that we've scheduled this matter for a protest
20 hearing, there are a few things that I would like
21 to instruct you because the Board's practices
22 under the COVID, well, I'm say under the COVID-19
23 restrictions, but our practices have changed.

24 As you know, the Board's hearings are
25 now conducted virtually, so it is more important

1 than ever that protest hearings are focused and
2 address only those issues that are being
3 protested. Following this hearing, you will
4 receive an email from ABRA legal assistant Imani
5 Moreland that will include a copy of a Protest
6 Information Form (PIF) and a copy of an exhibit
7 form, as well as specific instructions for the
8 hearing.

9 You are required to complete and
10 submit the PIF and exhibit forms at least seven
11 days before the date of the hearing. If we do
12 not receive a copy of your forms seven days
13 before the hearing, your application or your
14 protest may be subject to dismissal.

15 These documents need to be submitted
16 to ABRA legal and to the opposing parties.
17 Please note that these documents support and
18 narrow the protest issues, facilitating the
19 process and keeping the parties on point in the
20 hearing. Each side is limited to no more than
21 five witnesses, and you have only 60 minutes to
22 present your case. This includes all direct and
23 cross-examination. The Board does not intend to
24 hear testimony on matters that are not relevant
25 to the issues that are being protested.

1 Any questions?

2 MR. GOLDBERG: No.

3 MR. SPANGLER: No, sir.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Again, if this
5 matter goes to a protest hearing, seven days
6 before the hearing you are required to do a PIF
7 and exchange the documents and witnesses to each
8 side, and you're also required to provide ABRA
9 legal with a copy of your documents.

10 All right. We thank you greatly for
11 your cooperation. If you have any questions at
12 any time leading up to the hearing, please do not
13 hesitate to contact Ms. Moreland at 202-442-6942,
14 or you can contact her by email.

15 Thank you very much. Good luck with
16 your negotiations. If this matter is not settled,
17 we will see you September 14th at 1:30. Thank
18 you.

19 MR. GOLDBERG: Thank you, Mr. Anderson.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're welcome.

21 MR. SPANGLER: Thank you, Mr.

22 Anderson. And thank you, Board, for your time.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're welcome.

24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
25 went off the record at 10:47 a.m.)

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