

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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Ace Spirits, LLC, :
t/a Greenway Liquors :
3700 Minnesota Ave SE :
Retailer A - ANC 7F :
License #119525 :
Case # 23-CIT-00156 :
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(No ABC Manager on Duty) :
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Wednesday
August 9th, 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:

JAMESON CHARLES, DC ABCA Staff
JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff
SHANI C. BROWN, DC OAG

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

2 11:08 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
4 on our calendar is Case Number 23-CIT-00156,
5 Greenway Liquors, License Number 119525.

6 Mr. Charles, can you please elevate
7 the government (telephonic interference) space,
8 please?

9 MR. CHARLES: Shani Brown has been
10 elevated, and Kishore Mantri has been elevated.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Kishore Mantri,
12 do you have a camera to turn on, please?

13 MR. MANTRI: Okay. Hopefully you can
14 see me.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir. I
16 can see you, sir.

17 MR. MANTRI: Okay. Good morning.
18 This is Kishore Mantri, K-I-S-H-O-R-E, last name
19 is Mantri, M-A-N-T-R-I. Can you hear me better?

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir. And
21 what's your relationship to this case, sir?
22 Mr. Mantri, what's your relationship to this
23 case, sir?

24 MR. MANTRI: So I have a citation that
25 I'm trying to

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, no, no.
2 No, that's not what I want to hear, sir. Are you
3 the owner of the establishment, sir?

4 MR. MANTRI: Oh gosh, yes, I am the
5 owner of the establishment. That's right, yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
7 Thank you.

8 I'm sorry, Ms. Brown. Can you please
9 spell and state your name for the record, please?

10 MS. BROWN: Yes. Good morning. My
11 name is Shani Brown, Assistant Attorney General,
12 here on behalf of the District. And that's
13 spelled S-H-A-N-I B-R-O-W-N.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you,
15 Ms. Brown. Ms. Brown, are there any preliminary
16 matters in this case?

17 MS. BROWN: No.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Brown, is
19 this your case?

20 MS. BROWN: No. This is assigned to
21 Assistant Attorney General Bisola Oni.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
23 Mr. Mantri, I -- this is just a scheduling
24 matter, but you were -- I think you were trying
25 to say something to me, but I'm not trying to get

1 to substantive. But what was it that you were
2 trying to say, just procedurally? Do you --
3 Ms. Brown said that this case is assigned to
4 Ms. Oni. Do you have her contact information?

5 MR. MANTRI: So I don't have any
6 information other than the citation that I had to
7 be here at 10:30 for the hearing.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
9 Then, Ms. Brown, can you make sure that Ms. Oni
10 provides -- or can you provide Mr. Mantri
11 Ms. Oni's contact information, please?

12 MS. BROWN: Sure. Or perhaps it would
13 be easier if he could provide his email address
14 for her to contact, because I know that she
15 reached out to the establishment but hadn't
16 received a response.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Mantri,
18 what -- can you put your contact information in
19 the chat?

20 MR. MANTRI: Sure.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And then -- and
22 the reason is this is on -- this is on YouTube,
23 so it -- if you put it in the chat, there's some
24 privacy there rather than saying it out loud. So
25 can you please put your contact information in

1 the chat, and Ms. Brown will ensure that Ms. Oni
2 has that, so, therefore, there can be
3 communication between the two parties.

4 MR. MANTRI: Sure. I just sent my
5 email address to -- to Brown, Ms. Brown. Hope
6 she got that in the chat.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

8 MS. BROWN: Yes. That is actually the
9 email we have on record. So I'll have Ms. Oni
10 follow up with the establishment.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you're
12 saying that you have not received any contact
13 from the government?

14 MR. MANTRI: When you say "not
15 contact," what does that mean? Sorry. Again,
16 understand this is the first time I'm here. I
17 don't have any clue other than I had to be here
18 to -- to be -- on the hearing for the citation
19 that I got.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So
21 you can have conversation with the Assistant
22 Attorney General regarding this case. And if
23 this matter can be settled, it -- it can be
24 settled short of a hearing. But if this matter
25 is not settled, this matter is scheduled for a

1 show cause hearing on September 13th at
2 10:30 a.m.

3 MR. MANTRI: Okay. That's fine. I
4 would potentially want to settle this matter.
5 Again, I just don't want to --

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
7 Well --

8 MR. MANTRI: Yeah.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's fine.
10 So, Ms. -- Ms. Oni will -- as Ms. Brown stated,
11 the email address that you provide, that's the
12 same email address that she has. And so maybe
13 you can look through your junk mail to see if --
14 if you have received an email from the
15 government, so you can have conversation with the
16 government, or then I'll just ask, Ms. Brown, can
17 you just have Ms. Oni reach out again to him to
18 make sure that there's communication. Okay?

19 MR. MANTRI: Okay.

20 MS. BROWN: Yes.

21 MR. MANTRI: Great. Thank you. Thank
22 you, Anderson.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
24 Thank you very much. Have a great day.

25 MR. MANTRI: Yeah. Thank you.

1 MS. BROWN: You, too.

2 MR. MANTRI: So can I leave the
3 meeting now?

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, ma'am.
5 Yes, sir. You can -- you are free to go. Thank
6 you very much.

7 MR. MANTRI: Thank you. Thank you.
8 Thank you, Ms. Brown.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're welcome.
10 And, Ms. Brown, I believe that's the
11 end of your day. I don't see any more cases that
12 needs your attention, so thank you for being here
13 today, ma'am. Have a great day.

14 MS. BROWN: Thank you. You, too.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
16 Thanks.

17 (Whereupon, the proceedings in the
18 above-entitled matter went off the
19 record at 11:13 a.m.)
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