DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF:

BHG Waterfront LLC, : t/a TBD 715 Wharf St SW, #519A-B:

License #118143 : Protest Hearing
Retailer CT - ANC 6D : (Status)

Case #21-PRO-00056

(Application for a New License)

Wednesday August 18, 2021

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 JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

KAREN ANDERSON, Protestant

SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff

EDWARD DANIELS, ANC 6D

SIDON YOHANNES, Applicant's Counsel

1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	11:44 a.m.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let's call case
4	number 21-PRO-00056, BHG Waterfront LLC, license
5	number 118143. Let's call that case, Ms.
6	Andrews.
7	MS. ANDREWS: Okay. Stand by.
8	(Pause.)
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're all over
10	the place today on this calendar, so hopefully
11	(Simultaneous speaking.)
12	MS. ANDREWS: I'm listening.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And someone
14	will keep me on my toes so I make sure that all
15	the cases are covered.
16	MS. ANDREWS: Okay, no problem.
17	Edward Daniels, your rights have been elevated.
18	(Pause.) Ms. Anderson, your rights have been
19	elevated. (Pause.) That's all, Mr. Chair.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Ms.
21	Andrews, and thank you for keeping up with me and
22	moving all the calendar. All right.
23	MS. ANDREWS: No problem.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so
25	let's have the parties introduce themselves for

1	the record, starting with the Licensee. Go			
2	ahead, Ms. Yohannes.			
3	MS. YOHANNES: Sidon Yohannes here on			
4	behalf of the Applicant and that is, again, S-I-			
5	D-O-N Y-O-H-A-N-N-E-S.			
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is the			
7	Applicant going to be here today?			
8	MS. YOHANNES: No, he is not.			
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So			
10	let's start with the group of five or more. Mr.			
11	Daniels?			
12	MR. DANIELS: Hello, Edward Daniels,			
13	Chairman of ANC 6D. E-D-W-A-R-D D-A-N-I-E-L-S.			
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,			
15	Mr. Daniels, Ms. Anderson.			
16	MR. DANIELS: Good morning.			
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We cannot hear			
18	you, Ms. Anderson. (Pause.) (Simultaneous			
19	speaking.)			
20	MS. ANDERSON: Can you hear me now?			
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Ms.			
22	Anderson, yes, we can.			
23	MS. ANDERSON: Okay. Karen Anderson,			
24	I represent what is being the group of 12. My			
25	name is spelled K-A-R-E-N A-N-D-E-R-S-O-N.			

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,			
2	thank you. All right, Mr. Daniels and Ms.			
3	Anderson, you're in the same group, is that			
4	correct or is it two different groups?			
5	MR. DANIELS: So, I'm representing ANC			
6	6D and -			
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, you're -			
8	MR. DANIELS: Ms. Anderson is part of			
9	the protest group.			
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, I'm			
11	sorry. So you're in the ANC, okay. All right.			
12	MR. DANIELS: Yes.			
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I apologize.			
14	Okay, all right, are there any preliminary			
15	matters that need to be brought to the attention			
16	of the Board?			
17	MS. YOHANNES: No, we have none.			
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.			
19	Daniels?			
20	MR. DANIELS: No, none. The protest			
21	group and the ANC and the client are currently			
22	back and forth in negotiations regarding the			
23	settlement agreement.			
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, Ms.			
25	Anderson, from your position?			

MS. ANDERSON: We participated in mediation last week. We continue to receive information from the Applicant and we are hopeful that we are going to find our way to a mutually agreeable settlement.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON:

MS. YOHANNES: And hopefully soon.

All right.

Just as an FYI, Ms. Anderson, as a matter administratively, I'm just saying this to you because a lot of times we have groups come tot he Board and they're upset. But, if a settlement agreement is signed between the ANC and the Licensee, if you're not a part of it, your protest falls. The Board cannot tell the ANC to make you a part of an offer of a settlement agreement.

I'm hoping that the parties are working together that you're working with the ANC, if the parties are going to settle this matter, but I just want to let you know that if the ANC decides not to bring you in as part of the settlement agreement, then the case is over because you will not have standing to move forward with a protest hearing. Okay?

MS. ANDERSON: We are clear on that

point, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And the reason why, this has happened to me where we have had groups and they're explaining and they're telling the Board what the Board should do and I am just, as an FYI, pointing out to parties to say this is how it is and there's really nothing that the Board can do to change that. Okay? All right.

MS. ANDERSON: They are.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. All right, if this matter goes to a Protest Hearing, the matter is scheduled for Protest Hearing on October 6th at 1:30 p.m. All right, do the parties need me to read the instructions for a Protest Hearing or do you understand the process?

MS. YOHANNES: We're fine, I believe.

I hope we don't get there and I'll defer to the group.

MS. ANDERSON: No, I've heard you read it a few times already so I've got it.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, well thank you. The reason why, when I do this virtually I'm not sure; if you were sitting in front of me, then I know you've heard it, but when I do it virtually, I'm not sure who's

1	hearing what, so I need to make sure that			
2	everyone is clear. But as I said before, if you			
3	have any questions or concerns, please contact			
4	April Randall. Her number is 202-329-6354 and			
5	her e-mail address is April.Randall2@DC.Gov and			
6	she can instruct the parties.			
7	Good luck with your settlement			
8	discussions. If I don't see you in October,			
9	don't take that personally. We'll know that at			
10	least the process has worked. Have a great			
11	summer and thank you for being here this morning.			
12	Thank you very much.			
13	MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.			
14	MR. DANIELS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.			
15	MS. ANDERSON: Thank you.			
16	(Simultaneous speaking.)			
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, sir.			
18	Bye-bye.			
19	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter			
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