

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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 ROLL CALL HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:	:
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Hope Lounge, LLC,	:
t/a Medusa Lounge	: Roll Call
2632 Georgia Ave, NW, #2	: Hearing
License #ABRA-106785	:
Retailer Class CT	:
ANC 1B	:
Case #20-PRO-00014	:
(License Renewal)	:

Monday
 September 14, 2020

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
 met via Video Teleconference, LaVerne Fletcher,
 Board's Agent, presiding.

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

GEORGE MEHMETALLAH, Protestant

ROLA AYLO, Protestant

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

2 9:36 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: So who's going to be
4 the designated representative for the whole
5 group?

6 MR. MEHMETALLAH: Me, George.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, George. Thank
8 you. We have you listed as a designated
9 representative from the -- for the group. There
10 are four of you present today. This is a group
11 of five. I'm going to grant conditional standing
12 to the group of four.

13 What that means is that at the
14 upcoming status hearing, that fifth person needs
15 to appear in person. And we'll proceed with a
16 group of five granted conditional standing. And
17 when that fifth person appears for the status
18 hearing who's not present today, the Board will
19 grant full standing to the group.

20 The applicant is not present.
21 Therefore, we're going to have to dismiss the
22 application because the applicant is not present.
23 The application to renew the license is
24 dismissed.

25 The applicant will have 10 days to

1 seek reinstatement of the application from the
2 Board. The parties will receive an order from
3 the Board dismissing the application, and the
4 applicant will have 10 days to seek reinstatement
5 of the application. Can you hear me okay?

6 MS. AYLO: Yes.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, good. You'll
8 receive a copy of the Board order also dismissing
9 the application. And if they seek reinstatement,
10 you'll be informed of that.

11 At that time we will schedule a date
12 for mediation, a status hearing, and a protest
13 hearing. But for the purpose of the roll call
14 hearing today, the application is dismissed
15 because the applicant has failed to appear.

16 MR. MEHMETALLAH: May I address you
17 Ms. LaVerne?

18 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

19 MR. MEHMETALLAH: So, last time we had
20 the same issue and he failed to show up, and then
21 we started again like now. I mean, if this keeps
22 going on, what is the solution because we cannot
23 just kick work every time and then he doesn't
24 show up.

25 MS. FLETCHER: You can bring that to

1 the attention of the Board. I will mention it in
2 my notes and we'll go from there. But I'll let
3 them know in my notes that this has happened
4 before.

5 MR. MEHMETALLAH: Correct.

6 MS. FLETCHER: But thank you all for
7 participating and we'll keep you posted.

8 MS. AYLO: Thank you.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you very
10 much. Have a nice day.

11 PARTICIPANT: I have a quick question,
12 I'm sorry.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

14 PARTICIPANT: You said you needed an
15 extra participant. I think my wife is on as
16 well, Luciani Guilmard.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, Okay.

18 PARTICIPANT: I think she's working
19 but I think she might be coming up any second
20 now.

21 MS. FLETCHER: All right.

22 PARTICIPANT: I apologize, if you just
23 hold. So the status is they just basically need
24 to re-file, is that correct?

25 MS. FLETCHER: Well, what will happen

1 is once the Board dismisses the application, they
2 will have an opportunity to seek reinstatement.
3 If the Board reinstates the application, we just
4 proceed, we get back on track. I'll contact you
5 to set a date for a mediation status hearing and
6 a protest hearing. But they would not need to
7 refile if the Board reinstates the application.

8 PARTICIPANT: Got it.

9 MS. FLETCHER: If the Board does not
10 reinstate the application, then they have to
11 start over maybe. But at this stage, we just
12 have to wait and see if the Board will approve
13 reinstatement of the application if they can show
14 the Board that for good cause they did not appear
15 today.

16 PARTICIPANT: Okay. So, I just a
17 message from my wife and unfortunately she'll not
18 be able to come up. She's working, so I
19 apologize.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, that's fine. And
21 her name is Rafia Aliya, yes?

22 PARTICIPANT: No, no, sorry. Luciani
23 Guilmard. I'm not sure if she was on the
24 original petition, but I thought she had showed
25 up. It could've been Chuck and Bill, so I'm not

1 sure.

2 MS. FLETCHER: I'm looking at the
3 protest letter, and the only parties that can
4 participate or be present for a roll call hearing
5 are those that actually signed the protest
6 letter. And your wife, did she sign the protest
7 letter?

8 PARTICIPANT: I believe so, yes. Yes,
9 I think she did.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, yes, Lucianne?

11 PARTICIPANT: Yes, that's it.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So she did sign
13 the protest letter, so she's the person that
14 would need to appear in person at the status
15 hearing. Everyone else is here.

16 PARTICIPANT: Okay, got it. Okay,
17 thank you.

18 MS. FLETCHER: And so Mr. -- George,
19 if I may call you George, you would appear at the
20 upcoming status hearing. You're the designated
21 representative.

22 MR. MEHMETALLAH: Sure.

23 MS. FLETCHER: And Lucianne would
24 appear as well because she wasn't present today.
25 At the time, you will be granted full-standing as

1 a protesting group, but today you're granted
2 conditional standing.

3 MR. MEHMETALLAH: Understood.

4 PARTICIPANT: Thank you.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, anything else?

6 MR. MEHMETALLAH: That's it. Thank
7 you, so much.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Have a good
9 day.

10 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
11 went off the record at 9:47 a.m.)

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