

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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 Partners at 723 8th                 :  
 St SE, LLC                           :  
 t/a The Ugly Mug Dining           :  
 Saloon                               :  
 723 8th Street SE                 : Show Cause  
 Retailer CR - ANC 6B               : Hearing  
 License No. 71793                 :  
 Case #21-CIT-00139               :  
   :  
 (No ABC Manager on Duty)       :  
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Wednesday  
 September 14, 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:**

MR. ORELLANA, DC ABRA Staff  
 STEPHEN ORTIZ, Assistant Attorney General

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

2 2:48 p.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Our next case is  
4 Case Number 21-CIT-00139, The Ugly Mug dining  
5 Saloon. License Number 71793.

6 Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate  
7 the rights of the Government and the Licensee in  
8 this case, please?

9 MR. ORELLANA: Stephen Ortiz, your  
10 access has been elevated. That is all, Chairman.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Licensee is  
12 not there? There's no Licensee here?

13 Oh, you're the one. All right. Mr  
14 Stephen Ortiz, please spell and state your namem  
15 for the record, please?

16 MR. ORTIZ: Good afternoon. Stephen  
17 Ortiz on behalf of the District of Columbia, S-T-  
18 E-P-H-E-N O-R-T-I-Z.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Ortiz, have  
20 you had any conversation with the Licensee in  
21 this case?

22 MR. ORTIZ: Yes. The parties have  
23 agreed to a Offer in Compromise in principle.  
24 We're trying finalize the OIC for Board approval  
25 prior to this hearing but that was unable to

1 occur. Therefore, I would request at this time a  
2 brief continuance so that we can finalize the OIC  
3 and file that before the Board for their  
4 consideration, for you all's consideration.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So,  
6 you're asking for a continuance.

7 MR. ORTIZ: Yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I  
9 make a motion that based on the representation by  
10 counsel that the Board grant a continuance. Is  
11 there a second?

12 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short and  
14 Mr. Grandis have seconded the motion. We'll have  
15 a Roll Call vote.

16 Mr. Short?

17 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

19 (No audible response)

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

21 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I  
22 agree.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hanse?

24 MEMBER HANSEN: I agree.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

1                   MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grnadis, I  
2                   agree.

3                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm Mr. Anderson  
4                   and I agree. The matter passes six, zero, zero.

5                   Based on the representation made by  
6                   the Government the Board has agree to a short  
7                   continuance. And the Agency will reach out to  
8                   the parties with a date to reschedule this  
9                   hearing if we do not receive a settlement within  
10                  -- approximately how long you believe, sir, that  
11                  it will take to at least get back to us with some  
12                  direction?

13                  MR. ORTIZ: The OIC is in principle so  
14                  I would request at least the 28th of September,  
15                  the reason being that if or for whatever reasons  
16                  the settlement discussions fall through we would  
17                  need seven days to provide exhibits and so that  
18                  would not be possible if we do a continuance for  
19                  next week.

20                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm not going  
21                  assign a date right now. I just wanted just to  
22                  get some clarification about how long you believe  
23                  this will take. But, I'll make sure that the  
24                  legal office is aware of that and so, therefore,  
25                  if we reschedule then we will schedule it within

1 those parameters. All right.

2 MR. ORTIZ: Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you very  
4 much, sir, and have a great day.

5 MR. ORTIZ: You all as well, thank you.

6 (Whereupon, the above proceeding was  
7 concluded at 2:52 p.m.)

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