DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA + + + + +ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD + + + + + MEETING -----= IN THE MATTER OF: : • Melee, Inc. : t/a Cane : Case #22-PRO-00080 : : (Application to Renew : the License) : -----= Wednesday

Wednesday October 5, 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 JEANINE PRIME, Applicant JEFF JACKSON, Applicant Counsel

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1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	10:37 a.m.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning
4	everyone. As chairperson of the Alcoholic
5	Beverage Control Board in the District of
6	Columbia, and in accordance with D.C. Code
7	Section 2571 of the Open Meetings Act, I am
8	welcoming you to the regularly scheduled meeting
9	of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. This
10	meeting is being conducted pursuant to guidance
11	made available by the District of Columbia's
12	Office of Open Government regarding electronic
13	meetings held by public bodies.
14	Electronic meetings by the ABC Board
15	are authorized pursuant to Section 2577A of the
16	D.C. Code. Pursuant to the OMA requirements,
17	notice of today's meeting was provided 48 hours
18	in advance of the meeting on ABRA's website, and
19	on the district central meeting calendar. The
20	notice includes the time, date, agenda, and call
21	in, or login information for public
22	participation.
23	This electronic meeting is being
24	hosted by a Webex account provided by the
25	District of Columbia government. Please address

any questions, or complaints to the OOG at 1 2 opengovoffice@dc.gov. My name is Donovan 3 Anderson, I'm chairman of the board. I would like to introduce the other members of the ABC 4 5 Board, who are also participating electronically. Please respond when I announce your 6 7 Mr. James Short? name. 8 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short 9 present. 10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bobby Cato? 11 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato present. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rafi 13 Crockett? MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Rafi Crockett 14 15 present. 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni 17 Hansen. 18 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen present. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Edward Grandis? 20 21 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis 22 present. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The board has 24 six members in attendance for the conduct of 25 business today, and that constitutes a quorum.

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Before we get underway with today's hearing calendar, I need to make a few instructions very clear so that the conduct of these hearings is understood by everyone. There are 11 cases scheduled for this morning's calendar.

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Once your case is called, I will take 6 7 a moment for our IT specialist to elevate the 8 rights for each party to enable their camera, and 9 microphone. Then, and only then will you have 10 the ability to enable your equipment. If your 11 case is not being heard, you will remain mute, 12 and your camera will be disabled.

13 At the conclusion of each case, the 14 parties will have the option to leave. If the 15 party chooses to stay, all cameras, and microphones for the concluded case will be 16 Should you have any questions, or 17 disabled. 18 require technical assistance during the hearing, 19 please submit using the question, and answer 20 feature.

21 Our first case for this morning, a 22 protest hearing status, case number 22-PRO-00080 Cane, license number 113295. Mr. Orellana, can 23 24 you please elevate the rights of the parties in 25 this case please?

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1	MR. ORELLANA: Access has been			
2	elevated. Jeff Jackson, your access has been			
3	elevated. That is all chairman.			
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.			
5	MR. JACKSON: Good morning, Jeff			
6	Jackson here representing the applicant.			
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning			
8	Mr. Jackson, and who is Ms. Prime? She's the			
9	applicant also? Ms. Prime, can you please			
10	introduce yourself for the record please ma'am?			
11	You're on mute ma'am, unmute yourself please.			
12	MS. PRIME: (Inaudible)			
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And spell your			
14	name please ma'am.			
15	MS. PRIME: J-E-A-N-I-N-E P-R-I-M-E.			
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And I see that			
17	the ANC, the protestant is not here. It is			
18	10:41, this matter was scheduled for a protest			
19	hearing at 10:30. Is there anyone from ANC 6C on			
20	the line? If there is a representative from ANC			
21	6C, can you please identify yourself for the			
22	record please? One last time, if there is anyone			
23	from ANC 6C, can you please identify yourself for			
24	the record?			
25	Since there is no one here, I am going			

to make a motion that the protest from ANC 6C be 1 2 dismissed. Is there a second? 3 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second. 4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis, 5 and Mr. Short have seconded the motion, we'll now do a roll call vote. Mr. Short? 6 7 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato? 9 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree. 10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett? 11 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I 12 agree. 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen? 14 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis? 16 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I 17 agree. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson, 19 I agree, the motion passes six zero zero. What 20 this means Ms. Prime, and Mr. Jackson, is that 21 the ANC will issue an order giving the ANC ten 22 days to provide us reasonable cause why they 23 failed to appear today. If the ANC fails to 24 respond, or fails to provide us reasonable cause 25 why they failed to appear this morning, their

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1 protest will be dismissed.

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2	And administratively, the renewal of
3	your license will move forward, and so therefore,
4	the license will be renewed without any protests
5	by the ANC, okay? All right, so as I stated
6	before, the ANC has been dismissed at this
7	moment, they have ten days to provide a written -
8	- we'll write an order, they have ten days to
9	respond to the agency to give us reasonable cause
10	why they failed to appear today.
11	If they refuse to, if that's not done,
12	as I stated before, administratively, the renewal
13	of your license will move forward, okay? Thank
14	you for being here today.
15	MR. JACKSON: Thank you chair, thank
16	you.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
18	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
19	went off the record at 10:43 a.m.)
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