

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

2 10:49 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

4 We're on the record. Good morning, everyone. As
5 Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control
6 Board for the District of Columbia, and in
7 accordance with D.C. Code Section 2571(c) of the
8 Open Meetings Act, OMA, I am welcoming you to the
9 regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcoholic
10 Beverage Control Board.

11 This meeting is being conducted
12 pursuant to guidance made available by the
13 District of Columbia's Office of Open Government
14 regarding electronic meetings held by public
15 bodies. Electronic meetings by the ABC Board are
16 authorized pursuant to Section to 2577(a) of the
17 D.C. Code. Pursuant to the OMA requirements,
18 notice of today's meeting was provided 48 hours
19 in advance of the meeting on ABRA's website and
20 on the District's central meeting calendar. The
21 notice included the time, date, agenda, and call
22 in or log in information for public
23 participation.

24 This electronic meeting is being
25 hosted by a Webex account provided by the

1 District of Columbia Government. Please address
2 any questions or complaints to the OOG at
3 opengovoffice@dc.gov.

4 My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm
5 Chairman of the Board. I would like to introduce
6 the other ABC Board Members of the ABC Board who
7 are also participating electronically. Please
8 respond when I announce your name. Mr. James
9 Short.

10 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short,
11 present.

12 CHAIR ANDERSON: Ms. Rafi Crockett.

13 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett,
14 present.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bobby Cato.

16 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, present.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Edward
18 Grandis. The Board has five members in attendance
19 for the conduct of business today, and that
20 constitutes a quorum. Before we get underway
21 with this hearing calendar, I need to make a few
22 instructions very clear so that the conduct of
23 these hearings is understood by everyone. There
24 are nine cases scheduled for this morning's
25 calendar. Once your case is called, I will take

1 a moment for our IT specialist to elevate the
2 rights for each party to enable their camera and
3 microphone. Then and only then will you have the
4 ability to enable your equipment. If your case
5 is not being heard, you will remain mute and your
6 camera will be disabled.

7 At the conclusion of each case, the
8 parties will have the option to leave. If the
9 party chooses to stay, all cameras and
10 microphones for the concluding cases will be
11 disabled.

12 Should you have any questions or
13 require technical assistance in the hearing,
14 please submit them using the question and answer
15 feature.

16 Our first hearing this morning order
17 is a protest hearing status Case Number 22-PRO-
18 00083, Cambria Suites Washington City Market,
19 License Number 94523. Mr. Orellana, can you --
20 good morning, can you please elevate the rights
21 of the parties in the case, please?

22 MR. ORELLANA: It has been elevated.
23 BANCA, your access has been elevated. That is
24 all, Chairman.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

1 Thank you. Good morning, Mr. O'Brien. Good
2 morning, Mr. -- I'm sorry -- Mr. Goldberg, is
3 that you, sir?

4 MR. GOLDBERG: Yes. Sorry about this.
5 I'm in the airport. I apologize, Chair Anderson.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. I was
7 told. Well, thank you, sir. All right. Ms.
8 Hansen, are -- I see that you're there. Do you
9 have a camera you can turn on, ma'am? I believe
10 that Board Member, Jeni Hansen, is joining us
11 today but I'm waiting for her camera. All right.
12 Mr. O'Brien, can you please introduce yourself?

13 MR. O'BRIEN: Yes. Stephen O'Brien
14 for the renewal applicant, S-T-E-P-H-E-N, O'-
15 capital B-R-I-E-N.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
17 again Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Goldberg, can you please
18 introduce yourself for the record, please?

19 MR. GOLDBERG: Yes. I am Robert
20 Goldberg, R-O-B-E-R-T, last name G-O-L-D-B-E-R-G.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
22 Then who do you represent, sir?

23 MR. GOLDBERG: I am representing the
24 Blagden Alley Naylor Court Association. Good
25 morning, sir.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
2 Good morning. Are there any preliminary matters
3 in this case?

4 MR. O'BRIEN: No, sir.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Goldberg?
6 No? All right. Then this matter is scheduled
7 for a protest hearing on November 9, 2022, at
8 1:30 p.m. Are the parties familiar with the
9 process for -- so I don't need to read the
10 instructions for our protest hearing?

11 MR. O'BRIEN: You don't need to read
12 them for me.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can't hear
14 you, Mr. Goldberg.

15 MR. GOLDBERG: I apologize, Chair
16 Anderson. Likewise.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
18 fine. Thank you very much but again -- the only
19 thing I just want to remind the parties, seven
20 days prior to the hearing, the parties are
21 required to exchange a PIP. Failure on either
22 side to provide a PIP to each side unless good
23 cause can be shown, the Board is empowered not to
24 allow those -- that other side to participate.
25 The Board supports settlement agreements and if

1 this matter can be settled, the Board supports
2 the settlement agreement. If not, we will have a
3 protest hearing on November 9, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.
4 Have a good day and thank you very much for being
5 here today.

6 MR. GOLDBERG: Thank you, Chair
7 Anderson.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

9 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
10 went off the record at 10:55 a.m.)
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