

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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Hospitality in Transit,                     :  
LLC,   :  
t/a Metrobar                                 :  
640 Rhode Island Ave NE                 : Show Cause  
Retailer CT - ANC 5E                     : Hearing (Status)  
License No. 117857                       :  
Case #22-CMP-00050                     :  
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(Provided False or                         :  
Misleading Information)                 :  
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Wednesday  
October 19, 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:

- JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABRA Staff
- RICHARD BIANCO, Applicant Counsel
- KEVIN LUTES, DC OAG

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

2 10:58 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case  
4 is Case No. 22-CMP-00050, Metro Bar, and 22-CMP-  
5 00046 Metro Bar, License No. 117857.

6 Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate  
7 the licensee in this case, please?

8 MR. ORELLANA: Mr. Bianco, your access  
9 has been elevated.

10 That is all, Chairman.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lutes, can  
12 you please identify yourself for the record,  
13 please?

14 MR. LUTES: Of course, Mr.  
15 Chairperson. This is Assistant Attorney General  
16 Kevin Lutes; that's K-E-V-I-N, L-U-T-E-S for the  
17 District.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

19 MR. BIANCO: Richard Bianco, R-I-C-H-  
20 A-R-D, B-I-A-N-C-O on behalf of the licensee.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
22 Mr. Bianco.

23 MR. BIANCO: Good morning.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is your client  
25 gonna be here with you this morning, sir?

1 MR. BIANCO: No, sir.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,  
3 thank you.

4 Mr. Lutes, are there any preliminary  
5 matters in this case, in Case No. 22-CMP-00050;  
6 are there any preliminary matters in that case?

7 MR. LUTES: Mr. Chairperson, the only  
8 preliminary matters has been communicated to the  
9 licensee through counsel and the parties are  
10 currently in discussions.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so  
12 if this matter is now settled, it's scheduled --  
13 we'll have a show cause hearing on November 2nd,  
14 2022 at 10:30 a.m. I just want to remind both  
15 parties that at seven days prior to the hearing,  
16 each side is required to exchange documents and  
17 witnesses; failure by either party to  
18 disclose/exchange documents and witnesses seven  
19 days prior to the hearing, unless good cause is  
20 shown, the Board might prevent them from relying  
21 on documents that have not been disclosed seven  
22 days prior to the hearing.

23 Any questions by either side?

24 MR. LUTES: No, Mr. Chairperson.

25 MR. BIANCO: None from the licensee.

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CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
went off the record at 11:00 a.m.)

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*Neal R Gross*

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Court Reporter

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