

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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 MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :

Family, LLC, t/a MK :  
 Lounge & Restaurant :  
 1930 9th Street NW : Protest Hearing  
 License #88787 : (Status)  
 Retailer CT - ANC 1B :  
 Case # 20-PRO-00024 :  
 (Application to Renew :  
 the License) :

Thursday  
 November 19, 2020

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

ALSO PRESENT:

SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff  
 RICHARD BIANCO, Licensee's Counsel  
 EVAN SCHLOM, Protestant  
 PIERSON STOECKLEIN, Protestant

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

2 11:45 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The  
4 next case on our calendar is Case Number 20-PRO-  
5 00024, MK Lounge & Restaurant, License Number  
6 88787.

7 Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate  
8 the rights for the licensee and the protestant in  
9 the MK Lounge case, please?

10 MS. ANDREWS: Sure. Stand by. Mr.  
11 Stoecklein, are you still on the line?

12 MR. STOECKLEIN: Yes, I am.

13 MS. ANDREWS: Okay. That's all, Mr.  
14 Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
16 Thank you. All right. Let's have the parties  
17 introduce themselves for the record. Let's start  
18 with the licensee. Mr. Bianco, are you able to  
19 unmute your -- would you please unmute your line,  
20 sir, and say your name for the record?

21 MR. BIANCO: Yes. I was just given  
22 that ability. Mr. Anderson, thank you very much.  
23 My name is Richard Bianco. My last name is  
24 spelled B-I-A-N-C-O, and I am counsel for the  
25 licensee in this matter.

1                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is the licensee  
2 joining you today?

3                   MR. BIANCO: No, sir, he is not.

4                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. So let's  
5 start with the protestant. I think there's a  
6 group, and I think there is -- let's have the  
7 licensee -- I'm sorry, the protestant, identify  
8 themselves for the record, please.

9                   MR. STOECKLEIN: Mr. Chairman, this is  
10 Pierson Stoecklein on behalf of the Westminster  
11 Neighborhood Association. That is spelled P-I-E-  
12 R-S-O-N, last name S-T-O-E-C-K-L-E-I-N.

13                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
14 Thank you, Mr. Stoecklein. And if there are -- I  
15 think that Mr. Schlom -- identify yourself for  
16 the record, please, and who do you represent, if  
17 anyone?

18                   MR. SCHLOM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
19 Good morning. Evan Schlom. That's E-V as in  
20 Victor-A-N as in Nancy. Last name is S as in  
21 Sam, C as in Charlie, H-L-O-M as in Mary,  
22 abutting property owner here on my own behalf.

23                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
24 Thank you. All right. So are there any  
25 preliminary matters?

1 MR. BIANCO: None from the licensee,  
2 Mr. Chairman.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What about the  
4 two protestants?

5 MR. SCHLOM: None for me, Mr.  
6 Chairman.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Stoecklein?

8 MR. STOECKLEIN: Nor for us, Mr.  
9 Chairman.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. All  
11 right. As I said before, the Board is unable to  
12 provide a date for the protest hearing. But we  
13 will provide a date shortly for a protest hearing  
14 in the new year.

15 I would advise both parties if they  
16 are able to settle this matter through a  
17 Settlement Agreement, the Board does welcome the  
18 opportunity to review Settlement Agreements if  
19 the parties so desire. But if the parties are  
20 unable to agree, then we will have a protest  
21 hearing in the new year.

22 Are all parties familiar with the  
23 instructions for a protest hearing or do I need  
24 to read the instructions?

25 MR. BIANCO: Licensee is familiar.

1 We'll waive reading.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

3 MR. STOECKLEIN: WNA is also familiar  
4 and will waive.

5 MR. SCHLOM: Mr. Schlom, I'm familiar  
6 and will waive the reading.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
8 Thank you very much. All right. So we'll  
9 provide both sides with a date and time for the  
10 protest hearing, and the Board encourages  
11 discussions with the parties that if they're able  
12 to settle this matter through a Settlement  
13 Agreement for the Board's consideration, we would  
14 appreciate that. But if not, we'll see you at a  
15 protest hearing sometime in the new year. Thank  
16 you for being here today and have a great day.

17 MR. BIANCO: You, too, Mr. Chairman.

18 MR. SCHLOM: Thank you very much.

19 Happy Thanksgiving.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

21 Thank you. You, too, sir. Bye-bye.

22 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
23 went off the record at 11:49 a.m.)

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