

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Noah Limited Liability :
Company, LLC :
t/a Boulevard Lounge :
6233 Georgia Ave NW : Show Cause
Retailer CT - ANC 4B : Hearing (Status)
License No. 115385 :
Case #23-251-00006 :
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(Failed to have security :
cameras operational, :
Interfered with an :
ABCA Investigation, :
Substantial Change -- :
Increase in Occupancy) :
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Wednesday
December 6th, 2023

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis
Board met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson
Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member
SILAS GRANT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff
THEODROS GIRMA, Licensee
BISOLA ONI, DC OAG

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

2 11:19 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The
4 next case in our calendar is Case Number 23-
5 251-00006 Boulevard Lounge, license number
6 115385.

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

9 MR. ORELLANA: Sure thing. Theodros
10 Girma, your access has been elevated. That
11 appears to be all, Chairman.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Ms.
13 Oni, can you identify yourself for the record?

14 MS. ONI: Yes. Bisola Oni, B-I-S-O-L-
15 A, O-N-I, Assistant Attorney General, here on
16 behalf of the government.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
18 ma'am. Mr. Girma, can you please spell and state
19 your name for the record?

20 MR. GIRMA: My name is Theodros Girma,
21 T-H-E-O-D-R-O-S, G-I-R-M-A.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
23 sir. What's your relationship to this
24 establishment?

25 MR. GIRMA: Owner.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Ms.
2 Oni, are there any preliminary matters in this
3 case?

4 MS. ONI: No, no preliminary matters.
5 The OIC has been communicated to the
6 establishment.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. So Mr.
8 Girma, this matter is scheduled for a show cause
9 hearing on January 10, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

10 If this matter goes to a hearing,
11 seven days before the hearing you are -- both
12 parties are required to exchange documents and
13 witnesses. Meaning that, if you're going to call
14 in witnesses and if you have documents you're
15 relying upon, you then have to send a copy of
16 those documents and witnesses to the attorney
17 who's assigned to this case, and also send a copy
18 of that to our office. Do you have any
19 questions, sir?

20 MR. GIRMA: No, I don't.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. And
22 failure by either side to disclose documents and
23 witnesses seven days before the hearing, unless
24 proper cause is shown, the Board is empowered to
25 prevent that side from moving forward, relying on

1 those documents and witnesses that have not been
2 disclosed.

3 So, if there is no other questions,
4 we'll see you, then, on January 10, 2024 at 1:30
5 p.m. Thank you very much. Have a great day.

6 MR. GIRMA: You too. Bye-bye.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So,
8 what I'm going to do, Ms. Oni, I'm going to go
9 out of order and then I will do the fact finding
10 hearing, then I will call you. So, thank you for
11 just standing by.

12 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
13 went off the record at 11:21 a.m.)

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