

IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Yegna Restaurant and :
Lounge, Inc., :
t/a Asefu's Palace : Protest Hearing
1920 9th Street NW : (Status)
License #112748 :
Retailer CT - ANC 1B :
Case # 20-PRO-00035 :
:
(Application to Renew :
the License) :

Thursday
December 10, 2020

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

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member
JENI HANSEN, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff

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

10:35 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, everyone. We're on the record. Good morning, everyone. As Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District of Columbia, and in accordance with DC Official Code Section 25764 of the Open Meetings Act, I am welcoming you to our regular scheduled meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Today is Thursday, December 10, 2020, and the time is 10:36 a.m.

This meeting is being conducted pursuant to guidance made available by the District of Columbia's Office of Open Government regarding electronic meetings held by public bodies during the public health emergency. Pursuant to this guidance, notice of today's meeting was provided 48 hours in advance of the meeting on ABRA's website and on the District's central meeting calendar.

The notice includes the time, date, agenda and call-in or log-in information for public participation. This electronic meeting is 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. My name is Donovan
4 Anderson. I am Chairman of the Board. I would
5 like to introduce the other members of the ABC
6 Board who are also participating electronically
7 pursuant to Mayor's Order 2020-054. Please
8 respond when I announce your name. Mr. James
9 Short.

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

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bobby Cato.

13 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rafi
15 Crockett.

16 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett,
17 present.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni Hansen.

19 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, present.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Ed Grandis.

21 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis, present.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has
23 six members in attendance for the conduct of
24 business today and that constitutes a quorum.
25 Before we get underway with today's hearing

1 calendar, I need to make a few instructions very
2 clear so that the conduct of these hearings is
3 understood by everyone. There are six hearings
4 on this morning's calendar. Once your case is
5 called, I will take a moment for our IT
6 specialist to elevate the rights for each party
7 to enable their camera and microphone.

8 Then and only then will you have the
9 ability to enable your equipment. If your case
10 is not being heard, you will remain mute and your
11 camera will be disabled. Should you have any
12 questions or require technical assistance during
13 the hearing, please submit them using the
14 question and answer feature or email
15 simone.andrews2@dc.gov.

16 Our first order of business today is
17 a protest status hearing, Case No. 20-PRO-00035,
18 Asefu's Palace, License No. 112748. This hearing
19 has been cancelled due to dismissal of the
20 renewal application on October 21, 2020. See
21 Board Order Number 2020-337.

22 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
23 went off the record at 10:39 a.m.)
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A a.m 2:2,12 4:23 ABC 3:5 ability 4:9 above-entitled 4:22 ABRA 1:22 ABRA's 2:20 account 2:25 Act 2:8 address 3:1 advance 2:19 agenda 2:23 Alcoholic 1:2,14 2:5,10 ALIYA 1:18 ANC 1:8 Anderson 1:15,17 2:3 3:4,12,14,18,20,22 ANDREWS 1:22 announce 3:8 answer 4:14 application 1:10 4:20 Asefu's 1:7 4:18 assistance 4:12 attendance 3:23 available 2:14	CT 1:8 D date 2:22 DC 1:22 2:7 December 1:12 2:11 disabled 4:11 dismissal 4:19 District 1:1 2:6,15 3:1 District's 2:20 Donovan 1:15,17 3:3 due 4:19 E Ed 3:20,21 EDWARD 1:19 electronic 2:16,24 electronically 3:6 elevate 4:6 email 4:14 emergency 2:17 enable 4:7,9 equipment 4:9 F feature 4:14 first 4:16 G government 2:15 3:1 Grandis 1:19 3:20,21 3:21 guidance 2:14,18 H Hansen 1:19 3:18,19,19 health 2:17 heard 4:10 hearing 1:7 3:25 4:13 4:17,18 hearings 4:2,3 held 2:16 hosted 2:25 hours 2:19 I includes 2:22 information 2:23 instructions 4:1 introduce 3:5 J James 1:20 3:8,10 Jeni 1:19 3:18,19 JR 1:18,20 K	L License 1:8,10 4:18 log-in 2:23 Lounge 1:6 M matter 1:5 4:22 Mayor's 3:7 meeting 1:3 2:9,13,19 2:20,21,24 meetings 2:8,16 Member 1:18,18,19,19 1:20 3:10,13,16,19,21 members 3:5,23 met 1:14 microphone 4:7 moment 4:5 morning 2:3,4 morning's 4:4 mute 4:10 N name 3:3,8 need 4:1 notice 2:18,22 Number 4:21 NW 1:7 O October 4:20 Office 2:15 Official 2:7 Once 4:4 OOG 3:2 Open 2:8,15 opengovoffice@dc.g... 3:3 order 3:7 4:16,21 P P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S 2:1 Palace 1:7 4:18 participating 3:6 participation 2:24 party 4:6 please 3:1,7 4:13 present 1:16,21 3:11,17 3:19,21 presiding 1:15 protest 1:7 4:17 provided 2:19,25 public 2:16,17,24 pursuant 2:14,18 3:7 Q question 4:14	questions 3:2 4:12 quorum 3:24 R Rafi 1:18 3:14,16 record 2:4 4:23 regarding 2:16 regular 2:9 remain 4:10 Renew 1:10 renewal 4:20 require 4:12 respond 3:8 Restaurant 1:6 Retailer 1:8 rights 4:6 S S 1:19 scheduled 2:9 Section 2:8 Short 1:20 3:9,10,10 SIMONE 1:22 simone.andrews2@d... 4:15 six 3:23 4:3 specialist 4:6 Staff 1:22 status 1:7 4:17 Street 1:7 submit 4:13 T t/a 1:7 technical 4:12 Thursday 1:12 2:11 today 2:10 3:24 4:16 today's 2:18 3:25 U understood 4:3 underway 3:25 V videoconference 1:14 W W 1:15,17 WebEx 1:14 2:25 website 2:20 welcoming 2:9 went 4:23 X Y Yegna 1:6
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