THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

BEFORE:

Donovan Anderson, Chairperson

James Short, Member Bobby Cato, Member

Rema Wahabzadah, Member Rafi Aliya Crockett, Member

Jeni Hansen, Member

Edward S. Grandis, Member

ALSO PRESENT: NPB Group, LLC, t/a Georgetown Piano Bar, Respondent

Shahzeb Asim, Assistant Attorney General

Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

Martha Jenkins, General Counsel

Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

ORDER APPROVING OFFER IN COMPROMISE

The above mentioned parties have petitioned the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) to approve an offer-in-compromise (OIC) to settle one or more violations of Title 25 of the D.C. Official Code (Title 25) and Title 23 of the D.C. Municipal Regulations (Title 23) in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 2-509(a).

ORDER

Therefore, on this 23rd day of September 2020, the Board **APPROVES** the OIC appended to this Order. The terms of the OIC are as follows:

- 1. The Respondent admits to a violation of the statutes or regulations listed in the OIC attached to this Order.
- 2. The Respondent shall follow and abide by the terms and conditions of the attached OIC in accordance with D.C. Official Code §§ 2-509(a), 25-447(f), and 25-823(a)(6).
- 3. The Respondent waives all rights to notice or appearance before the Board.
- 4. The Respondent waives the right to a hearing, call witnesses, present evidence, and otherwise contest the charges as provided in Title 25 and Title 23.
- 5. The Respondent waives the right to judicial review or appeal of this Order. The Respondent further agrees not to collaterally attack the disposition imposed by this Order.
- 6. The parties agree that the attached OIC constitutes the entire agreement of the parties.

The Show Cause hearing in this matter is cancelled. ABRA shall deliver copies of this Order to the Government and the Respondent.

District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

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We dissent from the majority vote.

Pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1719.1, any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street, N.W., 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009. Also, pursuant to section 11 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, Pub. L. 90-614, 82 Stat. 1209, District of Columbia Official Code § 2-510 (2001), and Rule 15 of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, any party adversely affected has the right to appeal this Order by filing a petition for review, within thirty (30) days of the date of service of this Order, with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. However, the timely filing of a Motion for Reconsideration pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1719.1 stays the time for filing a petition for review in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals until the Board rules on the motion. See D.C. App. Rule 15(b).

Jeni Hansen, Member

Finally, in the case of a summary suspension, "A person aggrieved by a final summary action may file an appeal in accordance with the procedures set forth in subchapter I of Chapter 5 of Title 2." D.C. Code § 25-826(d).

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD



IN THE MATTER OF:

NPB GROUP, LLC t/a GEORGETOWN PIANO BAR.

Case No. 19-CC-00067 License No. 95632 Retailer's Class CT License

Respondent.

OFFER IN COMPROMISE FOR BOARD APPROVAL

The District of Columbia, jointly with the licensee (respondent) submits this Offer in Compromise (OIC) to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board), as authorized by 23 DCMR § 1604.5, for approval by the Board.

The Parties understand that if the Board approves the OIC, this case will conclude and any scheduled Show Cause Hearing will be vacated. Respondent will be obligated to abide by the terms of the OIC: a fine, suspension, both, or other term shown below. If the Board does not approve the OIC, the matter will be continued to the scheduled Show Cause Hearing, currently no set.

The respondent has been advised that there is no obligation to accept an OIC. Respondent has been advised, through service of the Notice of Status Hearing and Show Cause Hearing that at a Show Cause Hearing, respondent may: be represented by legal counsel, have subpoenas issued to require the production of witnesses and evidence, produce witnesses and evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and apply to the Board for a qualified interpreter.

The OIC terms are as follows.

<u>Charge I</u>: Sale of an alcoholic beverage to a person under 21 years of age, in violation of §25-762(b)(2).

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 823(a)(1).

- (1) <u>Fine</u>: \$5,000 to be paid in 90 days or the license will be suspended until payment is received.
- (2) <u>Suspension</u>: 15 days (credited as having been served July 1-15, 2020 during the public health emergency).
- (3) Other term: N/A.

<u>Charge II</u>: Failure to take reasonable steps necessary to ascertain legal drinking age, in violation of §25-783.

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 823(a)(1).

(1) Dismissed

Dated: September 2, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CONSENT OF RESPONDENT

By this Offer in Compromise, I agree to accept and perform its terms. I acknowledge the validity of the OIC and waive a hearing to which I would have a right under D.C. Code § 25-826. I also recognize that I am waiving any right to appeal an adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing. By this settlement, I waive all such rights. I sign this OIC without reservation, and I fully understand its meaning and my rights.

<u>/s/ Morgan Williams</u> Respondent September 2, 2020 DATE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on September 2, 2020, the foregoing Offer in Compromise for Board Approval was served by electronic mail or by U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, to:

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