

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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 MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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 2500 Pennsylvania Avenue :  
 Investors, LLC, :  
 t/a La Piazza :  
 2500 Pennsylvania Avenue, :  
 NW, : Show Cause  
 Retailer CT - ANC 2A : Hearing (Status)  
 License No. 86545 :  
 Case #18-CIT-00175 :  
 :  
 (No ABC Manager on Duty) :

Wednesday  
 August 1, 2018

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson, presiding.

PRESENT:

- DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
- NICK ALBERTI, Member
- BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
- DONALD ISAAC, SR., Member
- MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member
- JAMES SHORT, Member
  
- REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**CHRISTOPHER SOUSA, DC OAG**

**JOHN PAUL WOOD, Licensee**

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

2 9:49 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case  
4 on our calendar is Case No. 18-CIT-00175, La  
5 Piazza, License No. 86545.

6 Would the parties, please, approach  
7 and identify themselves for the record, please?

8 MR. SOUSA: Christopher Sousa for the  
9 District of Columbia.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Sousa, good  
11 morning.

12 MR. WOOD: Hi, John Paul Wood for La  
13 Piazza.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who are  
15 you, sir?

16 MR. WOOD: I'm the hotel manager.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have a  
18 Letter of Authorization?

19 MR. WOOD: I do.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can give  
21 that to her, please. And your -- well, wait  
22 until I get this. Thank you.

1 All right. Mr. Sousa, is there any  
2 preliminary matters in this case?

3 MR. SOUSA: There is --

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what's  
5 that, sir?

6 MR. SOUSA: -- an OIC to present to  
7 the Board.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what's  
9 that?

10 MR. SOUSA: The OIC for Charge No. 1  
11 is -- the charge is failing to keep an ABC  
12 Manager on Duty during the licensed hours of  
13 sales and the OIC agreed to is \$1,250 to be paid  
14 within 30 days or the license will be suspended  
15 indefinitely.

16 Charge No. 2 is another ABC Board --  
17 Manager violation, that has been agreed to be  
18 dismissed.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
20 Thank you. Hello, Mr. Wood, again.

21 MR. WOOD: Hi, good morning.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's my

1 understanding that there is an Offer in  
2 Compromise and the Offer in Compromise is that  
3 there is a fine of \$1,250 payable in 30 days.

4 Is this your understanding, sir, of  
5 the Offer in Compromise?

6 MR. WOOD: Yes.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you aware  
8 that by accepting an Offer in Compromise, that  
9 you are giving up your right to a hearing?

10 MR. WOOD: Yes.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you also  
12 aware that by accepting an Offer in Compromise,  
13 that you are giving up your right to appeal this  
14 matter?

15 MR. WOOD: Yes.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
17 With that said, I then make a motion that the  
18 Offer in Compromise of a fine of \$1,250 payable  
19 in 30 days, if the fine is not payable in 30  
20 days, the license will be suspended. Is there a  
21 second?

22 MEMBER SHORT: Second.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
2 seconded the motion.

3 All those in favor say aye.

4 ALL: Aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?

6 The matter passes 7-0-0.

7 Thank you, sir.

8 MR. WOOD: Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We can sign-off  
10 on this paperwork in a minute. All right. Thank  
11 you.

12 MR. WOOD: Thank you, guys. Thank you  
13 so much.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're welcome.

15 (Whereupon, the Show Cause (Status)

16 Hearing was concluded at 9:51 a.m.)  
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| <b>A</b>   | <b>failing</b> 4:11<br><b>favor</b> 6:3<br><b>fine</b> 5:3,18,19  | <b>OAG</b> 2:11<br><b>Offer</b> 5:1,2,5,8,12,18<br><b>OIC</b> 4:6,10,13<br><b>opposed</b> 6:5   | <b>W</b>  |
| <b>a.m</b> 3:2 6:16<br><b>ABC</b> 1:10 4:11,16<br><b>accepting</b> 5:8,12<br><b>agreed</b> 4:13,17<br><b>ALBERTI</b> 1:19<br><b>Alcoholic</b> 1:2,14,14<br><b>ANC</b> 1:8<br><b>Anderson</b> 1:16,18 3:3<br>3:10,14,17,20 4:4,8<br>4:19,22 5:7,11,16 6:1<br>6:5,9,14<br><b>appeal</b> 5:13<br><b>approach</b> 3:6<br><b>August</b> 1:12<br><b>Authorization</b> 3:18<br><b>Avenue</b> 1:6,7<br><b>aware</b> 5:7,12<br><b>aye</b> 6:3,4 | <b>G</b>  | <b>P</b>  | <b>W</b> 1:16,18<br><b>WAHABZADAH</b> 1:22<br><b>wait</b> 3:21<br><b>Washington</b> 1:15<br><b>Wednesday</b> 1:12<br><b>welcome</b> 6:14<br><b>Wood</b> 2:12 3:12,12,16<br>3:19 4:20,21 5:6,10<br>5:15 6:8,12 |
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| <b>Beverage</b> 1:2,14,14<br><b>Board</b> 1:2,14 4:7,16<br><b>BOBBY</b> 1:19<br><b>Building</b> 1:15   | <b>H</b>  | <b>Q</b>  | <b>Y</b>  |
| <b>C</b>   | <b>I</b>  | <b>R</b>  | <b>Z</b>  |
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| <b>D</b>   | <b>J</b>  | <b>S</b>  | <b>1</b>  |
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| <b>F</b>   | <b>L</b>  | <b>U</b>  | <b>2</b> 4:16<br><b>2000</b> 1:15<br><b>20009</b> 1:15<br><b>2018</b> 1:12<br><b>2500</b> 1:6,7<br><b>2A</b> 1:8  |
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