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2 10:04 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Would the parties in
4 Medusa Lounge please come forward, the parties in
5 Medusa Lounge. This is Case Number 19-PRO-00124,
6 Hope Lounge, LLC, 2632 Georgia Avenue, NW,
7 License Number ABRA-106785.

8 This is a Retailer Class CT License
9 Renewal. This is the case of Medusa Lounge.
10 Anybody here for that case. Are you the
11 Protestants or the Applicant?

12 MR. NEHMETALLAH: Yes.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Protestants, just have
14 a seat right at that table. Yes, thank you very
15 much.

16 MR. NEHMETALLAH: We have other two.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, so everybody with
18 you Protestants on this side. Yes. And so, what
19 I'm going to ask you to do is state your name and
20 spell it for the record.

21 There's a microphone right there on
22 the table. If you could just state your name and
23 spell it for the record. Thank you.

24 MS. AURLO: My name is Rola Aurlo, R-
25 O-L-A, A-U-R-L-O.

1 MS. FLETCHER: I'm sorry, what's the
2 first name again?

3 MS. AURLO: R-O-L-A.

4 MS. FLETCHER: And what's the last
5 name?

6 MS. AURLO: A-U-R-L-O.

7 MS. FLETCHER: And don't pick up the
8 microphone. Just leave it on the table, sorry.
9 Hi.

10 MS. GUILNARD: My name is Luciane
11 Guilnard, L-U-C-I-A-N-E, G-U-I-L-N-A-R-D.

12 MS. FLETCHER: G-E?

13 MR. GUILNARD: G-U.

14 MS. FLETCHER: G-U --

15 MS. GUILNARD: I-L-N-A-R-D.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

17 MR. GUILNARD: Sebastian Guilnard, S-
18 E-B-A-S-T-I-A-N, same last name.

19 MS. FLETCHER: What's the last name?

20 MR. GUILNARD: Guilnard.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Can you spell it?

22 MR. GUILNARD: G-U-I-L-N-A-R-D.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you.

24 MR. NEHMETALLAH: George, G-E-O-R-G-E
25 and the family name is N-E-H-M-E-T-A-L-L-A-H.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you very
2 much. Are either one of you going to be the
3 designated representative for your group? Who is
4 going to be the -- you, okay.

5 Thank you very much. You are Mr.
6 Nehmetallah?

7 MR. NEHMETALLAH: Correct.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. You can just
9 stay at the chair, at the table and everyone else
10 can have a seat in the back. Thank you.
11 Nehmetallah, is that the correct pronunciation?

12 MR. NEHMETALLAH: That's the best we
13 can do.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. There are
15 four individuals from your group present today.
16 That means that your group is, excuse me, granted
17 conditional standing. At the upcoming status
18 hearing that one person that's not here today
19 would need to appear in person.

20 But for today you're granted
21 conditional standing. At the status hearing,
22 when that one other person appears the Board will
23 grant full standing to the group. If that other
24 person does not appear the Board will dismiss the
25 protest.

1 Is the Applicant present? The time is
2 approximately 10:10. The Applicant is not
3 present. The application for license renewal is
4 dismissed.

5 What that means, Mr. Nehmetallah, is
6 that the application is dismissed. The Applicant
7 is not present. The Board will issue an order
8 dismissing the application.

9 You will receive a copy of that order.
10 If the Applicant seeks reinstatement, you'll be
11 informed and have an opportunity to respond to
12 that as well.

13 Is your contact information on that
14 sheet? There was a sheet of paper on the table.
15 Only the designated representative needs to fill
16 out that sheet. You could give that to Mr.
17 Nehmetallah.

18 MR. NEHMETALLAH: And I will fill the
19 form?

20 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. That's how we'll
21 communicate with you beyond today.

22 MR. NEHMETALLAH: Okay. So, may I ask
23 a question?

24 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

25 MR. NEHMETALLAH: That means we have

1 to redo everything or this is your decision is
2 final?

3 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. The decision in
4 terms of whether or not the application is
5 dismissed, that rests with the Board. The
6 application is dismissed as of this moment
7 because the Applicant is not here.

8 But the Applicant will have an
9 opportunity to ask the Board to reconsider what
10 I've said today. And if the Applicant provides
11 the Board with good cause or good reason the
12 Board can reinstate the application.

13 If that happens, I will be informed of
14 that and then I'll contact you and we'll need to
15 set up some dates for some upcoming proceedings,
16 including a mediation. But you'll be kept
17 informed.

18 And you've got my card. If you have
19 any other questions just give me a call. But is
20 there any other question today though, from
21 anybody? Okay, well thank you. The roll call
22 hearing is concluded. Thank you very much.

23 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
24 went off the record at 10:13 a.m.)

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