

IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Hope Lounge, LLC, :
t/a Medusa Lounge :
(Formerly Peace Lounge) :
2632 Georgia Avenue NW : Show Cause
Retailer CT - ANC 1B : Hearing (Status)
License No. 106785 :
Case #19-CC-00016 :
:
(Sale to Minor Violation, :
No ABC Manager on Duty) :

Wednesday
January 15, 2020

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
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

SIDON YOHANNES, Counsel for Licensee
JOHN LUI, DC OAG

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

10:20 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case is Case Number 19-CC-00016, Medusa Lounge, formerly Peace Lounge, License Number 106785.

Would the parties please approach and identify themselves for the matter -- we're issuing a Board Order in the first case, Mr. Dietz.

MR. DIETZ: Pardon?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're going to issue a Board Order in the first case.

MR. DIETZ: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

Would the parties please identify themselves for the record, please?

MR. LUI: Good morning, Mr. Chairperson. John Lui, on behalf of the Government.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, Mr. Lui.

MS. YOHANNES: Good morning, Sidon Yohannes, on behalf of the Licensee.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Yohannes. This matter was actually a show cause hearing.

1 Are there any preliminary matters in this case?

2 MR. LUI: Yes, Mr. Chairperson.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what is
4 that, please?

5 MR. LUI: There is an offer in
6 compromise to present to the Board.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what is
8 that?

9 MR. LUI: For Charge 1, sale to a
10 minor, the offer in compromise is a warning.

11 And for Charge 2, no ABC manager,
12 the offer in compromise is a \$1,250 fine, made
13 payable within 30 days or its license shall be
14 suspended indefinitely until this fine is paid.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
16 Ms. Yohannes, it's my understanding that there
17 is an offer in compromise in this case.

18 And the offer in compromise is for
19 Charge 1, there is a warning and for Charge 2,
20 that there is a fine of \$1,250, payable within
21 30 days.

22 If the fine is not paid within 30
23 days, the license will be suspended until the
24 fine has been paid.

25 Is this you and your client's

1 understanding of the offer in compromise?

2 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, it is.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And is your
4 client aware that by accepting an offer in
5 compromise that they are giving up their right
6 to a hearing?

7 MS. YOHANNES: Yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And is your
9 client also aware that by accepting an offer in
10 compromise that they're giving up their right to
11 appeal this matter?

12 MS. YOHANNES: Yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
14 With that said, I make a motion that the offer
15 in compromise of, for Charge 1, there is a
16 written warning issued.

17 For Charge 2, there is a fine of
18 \$1,250, payable within 30 days. If the fine is
19 not paid within 30 days, the license will be
20 suspended until the fine has been paid.

21 Is there a second?

22 MEMBER CATO: Second.

23 MEMBER CROCKETT: Second.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato and
25 Ms. Crockett have seconded the motion. All

1 those in favor, say aye.

2 (Chorus of ayes.)

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?

4 The matter passes, 4-0-0. The Board will be
5 issuing a Board Order in this matter. Thank you
6 very much.

7 MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have a great
9 day. The Board now will be in recess until our
10 1:30 hearing. Thank you.

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