

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :

Hoost, LLC, :

t/a Nomad Hookah Bar :

1200 H Street, NE : Protest

Retailer CT - ANC 6A : Hearing (Status)

License No. 87558 :

Case #17-PRO-00063 :

(Substantial Change - :

Change of Hours of :

Operation and Alcoholic :

Beverage Sales for Sidewalk:

Café) :

Wednesday
January 24, 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

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

2 9:30 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
4 everyone. I would like to welcome you to the
5 regularly scheduled meeting of the District of
6 Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

7 Please note that today's hearings will
8 be conducted in accordance with D.C. Official
9 Code § 2-574 of the Open Meetings Act.

10 We do have two new Members with us
11 today. And so prior to starting the meeting
12 officially, then they will be introduced and be
13 sworn in.

14 So Mr. Roary from the Mayor's Office
15 of Talent will swear them in. Go ahead, sir.

16 (NEW ABRA BOARD MEMBERS SWORN IN)

17 MR. ROARY: I need you guys to stand
18 and raise your right hand. So repeat after me.

19 MR. ROARY, MEMBER CATO & MEMBER
20 WAHABZADAH: I, Rema Wahabzadah, Bobby Cato, have
21 been appointed as a Member of the Alcoholic
22 Beverage Control Board. I do solemnly swear or

1 affirm that I, Rema Wahabzadah, Bobby Cato, will
2 support and defend the Constitution of the United
3 States and the laws of the District of Columbia,
4 that I will perform such duties as they be
5 assigned to me as a Member of the Alcoholic
6 Beverage Control Board to the best of my ability
7 without fail or favor that I will exercise my
8 best judgment and I will consider each matter
9 before me from the viewpoint of the best interest
10 of the District of Columbia as a whole and that I
11 will faithfully discharge said duty.

12 MR. ROARY: Congratulations.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Now that
14 we have dispensed with those matters and I, as
15 Chair of the Board and on behalf of the Board,
16 would like to formally welcome Ms. Rema
17 Wahabzadah and Mr. Bobby Cato to the Alcoholic
18 Beverage Control Board. I look forward to
19 working with you both and the full work. So
20 let's give them a --

21 MEMBER SHORT: Congratulations.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

1 (Applause)

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

3 Let's go back to our agenda.

4 All right. So today is January 24,
5 2018. I would first like to introduce Members of
6 the Board with us today. To my far right is Mr.
7 Donald Isaac, Sr., to his left is Ms. Rema
8 Wahabzadah. To my immediate right is Mr. Nick --
9 you know what, you know when I do my little
10 script where folks are supposed to sit, then
11 folks did not do that.

12 MEMBER ALBERTI: They are just testing
13 you.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So
15 I need to rewrite my script, because I wrote it
16 the way I was told folks are going to sit and now
17 they are changed and so I guess I just can't read
18 my script.

19 I need to -- so let me start -- let me
20 look at the Members and start introducing them
21 again.

22 Okay. To my far right is Mr. Donald

1 Isaac, Sr. and to his left is Mr. Bobby Cato.
2 And to my immediate right is Mr. Nick Alberti.
3 To my far left is Ms. Rema Wahabzadah. To her
4 right is Mr. Mike Silverstein and to my immediate
5 left is Mr. James Short. My name is Donovan
6 Anderson. I'm Chairman of the Board. The Board
7 has seven Members in attendance for the conduct
8 of business today and that constitutes a quorum.

9 I would like to mention two things
10 before we first get started. First of all, if
11 you have any electronic devices, pagers, cell
12 phones or such, please, make certain that they
13 are turned off to avoid any interruption of the
14 proceeding.

15 Secondly, there is a piece of paper on
16 each table. When you come forward as your case
17 is called, please, take a seat at the table and,
18 please, sign-in. This is to ensure the correct
19 spelling of your name for the record.

20 Additionally, when you introduce
21 yourself for the record, please, spell your name
22 aloud for the court reporter.

1 I will note that the approximate time
2 is 9:37 a.m.

3 Our first order of business today is
4 a Protest Hearing, Case No. 17-PRO-00063, Nomad
5 Hookah Bar, License No. 87558.

6 This hearing is canceled due to the
7 withdrawal of the protest. See Board Order No.
8 2018-016.

9 (Whereupon, the Protest (Status)
10 Hearing was concluded at 9:36 a.m.)

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