

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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 MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF:                                 :  
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 Provost, LLC,                                         :  
 t/a Provost                                             :  
 2129 Rhode Island Ave NE                     : Protest  
 Retailer CR - ANC 5C                           : Hearing (Status)  
 License No. 108015                                 :  
 Case #17-PRO-00091                               :  
                                                                    :  
 (Application for a New                            :  
 License)                                                 :

Wednesday  
 February 7, 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, Member
- DONALD ISAAC, JR., Member
- MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member
- JAMES SHORT, Member
- REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**SIDON YOHANNES, Applicant's Counsel**

**NINA GILCHRIST, Applicant**

**IRVIN GILCHRIST, Applicant**

**KEVIN MULLONE, Protestant**

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

2 (9:35 a.m.)

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
4 everyone. I would like to welcome you to the  
5 regular scheduled meeting of the District of  
6 Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.  
7 Please know that today's hearings will be  
8 conducted in accordance to the DC Official Code  
9 Section 2574 of the Open Meetings Act. Today is  
10 February 7th, 2018.

11 I would like to introduce members of  
12 the Board with us today. To my far right is Mr.  
13 Bobby Cato. To my immediate right is Mr. Nick  
14 Alberti. To my far left is Ms. Rema Wahabzadah.  
15 To her right is Mr. Mike Silverstein and to my  
16 immediate left is Mr. James Short.

17 My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm  
18 Chairman of the Board. We do have a quorum  
19 today.

20 I would like to mention two things  
21 before we first get started. First of all, if  
22 you have any electronic devices, pagers or such,

1 please make certain that they're turned off to  
2 avoid any interruption of the proceeding.

3 Secondly, there's a piece of paper at  
4 each table. When you come forward as your case  
5 is called, please take a seat at the table and  
6 please sign in. This is to ensure the correct  
7 spelling of your name for the record.

8 Additionally, when you introduce yourself for the  
9 record, please spell your name for the court  
10 reporter.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I would note  
12 that the approximate time is 9:38 a.m. and our  
13 first order of business today is a Protest  
14 Hearing Status Case No. 17-PRO-00091, Provost,  
15 License No. 108015. Would the parties please  
16 approach and identify themselves for the record,  
17 please?

18 MS. YOHANNES: Good morning. Sidon  
19 Yohannes on behalf of the Applicant.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
21 Ms. Yohannes.

22 MS. YOHANNES: S-I-D-O-N, Y-O-H-A-N-N-

1 E-S.

2 MS. GILCHRIST: Nina Gilchrist, N-I-N-  
3 A, G-I-L-C-H-R-I-S-T.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who are  
5 you, Ms. Gilchrist?

6 MR. GILCHRIST: Irvin Gilchrist.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who are you,  
8 ma'am?

9 MS. GILCHRIST: I'm Nina Gilchrist,  
10 owner --

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who are you?

12 MS. GILCHRIST: -- owner, Applicant.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, that's  
14 fine. Yes, sir?

15 MR. GILCHRIST: Irvin Gilchrist.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're also  
17 owner too?

18 MR. GILCHRIST: G-I-L-C-H-R-I-S-T,  
19 owner, part owner.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Thank  
21 you. Can you please, if you haven't signed in  
22 yet, please sign in on the sign in sheet in front

1 of you?

2 Yes, sir?

3 MR. MULLONE: My name is Kevin  
4 Mullone, M-U-L-L-O-N-E, and I am here  
5 representing the group of Five or More.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Good  
7 morning, Mr. Mullone.

8 Are there any preliminary matters that  
9 needs to be addressed?

10 MS. YOHANNES: No matters.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No? All right.  
12 Then this matter is scheduled for a Protest  
13 Hearing on March 7th, I'm sorry, March 7th at  
14 4:30 p.m. Do I need to read the Protest  
15 Proceedings or is everyone comfortable with the  
16 process and how the process operates?

17 MS. YOHANNES: I think we're fine.

18 MR. MULLONE: We're fine.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I'll just  
20 say or just remind the folks that if you have any  
21 questions about the Protest process, please call  
22 our Assistant General Counsel, Ms. April Randall.

1 Her phone number is (202) 442-4353. So any  
2 concerns about the process, please make sure that  
3 you contact Ms. Randall and she will walk you  
4 through the process.

5 I hope, I wish you well in your  
6 negotiations. If not, we will see you on March  
7 7th at 4:30. Thank you for being here. Have a  
8 good day.

9 MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thanks.

11 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
12 went off the record at 9:45 p.m.)  
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