

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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The Public Group, LLC, :  
t/a Public Bar :  
1214 18th Street NW : Show Cause  
Retailer CT - ANC 2B : Hearing (Status)  
License No. 81238 :  
Case #18-251-00138 :  
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Wednesday,  
February 6, 2019

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  
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member  
JAMES SHORT, Member  
REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

CHRISTOPHER SOUSA, OAG  
MATTHEW MINORA, Licensee's Counsel

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

2 (9:41 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 know that today's hearings will be  
8 conducted in accordance with D.C. Official Code  
9 Section 2-574 of the Open Meetings Act.

10 Today is February 6, 2019. I would like to  
11 introduce Members of the Board with us today.

12 To my far right is Mr. Bobby Cato. To  
13 my immediate right is Mr. Nick Alberti. To my  
14 far left is Ms. Rema Wahabzadah. To her right is  
15 Mr. Mike Silverstein and to my immediate left is  
16 Mr. James Short. My name is Donovan Anderson.  
17 I'm the Chairman of the Board. We have six  
18 Members in attendance today and we do have a  
19 quorum to conduct business.

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

1 such, please, turn them off to avoid any  
2 interruption of the proceedings.

3 Secondly, when your case is called,  
4 when you come forward as your case is called,  
5 please take a seat at the table and, please,  
6 sign-in. This is to ensure the correct spelling  
7 of your name for the recorder.

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

11 I will note that the approximate time  
12 is 9:43 a.m.

13 Our first order of business today is  
14 a Show Cause Hearing (Status) Case No. 18-251-  
15 00138, Public Bar, License No. 82138.

16 Would the parties, please, introduce  
17 themselves for the record, please?

18 MR. SOUSA: Christopher Sousa for the  
19 District of Columbia.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
21 Mr. Sousa.

22 MR. MINORA: Matt Minora from the Law

1 Firm of Mallios & O'Brien.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
3 Mr. -- I should know your name.

4 MR. MINORA: Pardon?

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your name has  
6 slipped me. I didn't hear it.

7 MR. MINORA: Oh, sure, Matthew Minora.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
9 Mr. Minora. All right. Mr. Sousa, are there any  
10 preliminary matters in this case?

11 MR. SOUSA: Yes. It's my  
12 understanding that an Offer in Compromise has  
13 been reached and is ready to present to the  
14 Board.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Sousa,  
16 what is that?

17 MR. SOUSA: As to the only charge,  
18 Charge 1, failure to comply with provisions of  
19 the security plan, the agreement is \$1,250 to be  
20 paid within 30 days or the license shall be  
21 suspended indefinitely until the fine is paid.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Mr.

1 Minora, it's my understanding that there is an  
2 Offer in Compromise and the Offer in Compromise  
3 is that there is a fine of \$1,250 payable within  
4 30 days. If the fine is not payable in 30 days,  
5 the license will be suspended.

6 Is this your understanding of the  
7 Offer in Compromise?

8 MR. MINORA: Yes, it is.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is your client  
10 aware that by accepting an Offer in Compromise,  
11 that they are giving up their right to a hearing?

12 MR. MINORA: Correct, yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And is your  
14 client also aware that by accepting an Offer in  
15 Compromise, that they are giving up their right  
16 to appeal this matter?

17 MR. MINORA: Correct.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
19 With that said then, I then make a motion that  
20 the Offer in Compromise of a fine of \$1,250 be  
21 accepted, payable within 30 days be accepted. If  
22 the fine is not payable in 30 days, the license

1 will be suspended until the fine has been paid.

2 Is there a second?

3 MEMBER SHORT: Second.

4 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Second.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short and  
6 Mr. Silverstein have seconded the motion.

7 All those in favor say aye.

8 ALL: Aye.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?  
10 The matter passes 6-0-0. Thank you.

11 MR. MINORA: Thank you.

12 (Whereupon, the Show Cause (Status)  
13 Hearing was concluded at 9:44 a.m.)  
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