

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD**

<b>In the Matter of:</b>	)	
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Matthias, Inc.	)	Case No.: 21-PRO-00040
t/a Sylvia's Liquor	)	License No: ABRA-104606
	)	Order No: 2021-531
Application for Renewal of a	)	
Retailer's Class A License	)	
	)	
at premises	)	
1818 Benning Road, N.E.	)	
Washington, D.C. 20002	)	
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**BEFORE:** Donovan Anderson, Chairperson  
James Short, Member  
Bobby Cato, Member  
Rafi Aliya Crockett, Member  
Jeni Hansen, Member  
Edward S. Grandis, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Matthias, Inc., t/a Sylvia's Liquor, Applicant

Sidon Yohannes, Counsel, on behalf of the Applicant

Ronald Dixon and Madison Gibbs, Counsels on behalf of Advisory  
Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 5D, Protestant

Martha Jenkins, General Counsel  
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

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**ORDER APPROVING MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

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The above-mentioned parties appeared before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board on September 22, 2021, and addressed the Applicant's motion for a continuance. The Applicant requested a continuance based on the recent hiring of counsel and potential language barriers. The Board finds good cause to grant the continuance to provide additional time for the parties to discuss settlement and to give recently hired counsel adequate time to prepare. The Board further finds that the continuance is in the interest of justice pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1700.2 (West Supp. 2021). The Board further notes that the rescheduling of the hearing will not cause a significant delay. Finally, the Board notes that further continuances will not be granted.

## **ORDER**

Therefore, on this 22nd day of September 2021, the Board **APPROVES** the motion for continuance. The Protest Hearing is hereby rescheduled for October 6, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. The ABRA shall deliver copies of this Order to the parties.

District of Columbia  
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

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Edward S. Grandis, Member

Pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1719.1, any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street, N.W., 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009. Also, pursuant to section 11 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, Pub. L. 90-614, 82 Stat. 1209, District of Columbia Official Code § 2-510 (2001), and Rule 15 of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, any party adversely affected has the right to appeal this Order by filing a petition for review, within thirty (30) days of the date of service of this Order, with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. However, the timely filing of a Motion for Reconsideration pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1719.1 stays the time for filing a petition for review in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals until the Board rules on the motion. *See* D.C. App. Rule 15(b).

Finally, in the case of a summary suspension, “A person aggrieved by a final summary action may file an appeal in accordance with the procedures set forth in subchapter I of Chapter 5 of Title 2.” D.C. Code § 25-826(d).