

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 Juniper Group, LLC, :
t/a The Blaguard :
2003 18th Street NW : Show Cause
Retailer CR - ANC 1C : Hearing
License No. 86012 :
Case #18-CMP-00140 :
Case #18-CMP-00131 :
 :
(Substantial Change :
Without Board Approval) :

Wednesday,
January 16, 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:

AMY SCHMIDT, OAG
SIDON YOHANNES, Licensee's Counsel

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

10:14 a.m.

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3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let me move on
4 with our calendar. I would like to call Case No.
5 18-CMP-00140, The Blaguard, and Case No. 18-CMP-
6 00131, The Blaguard. The cases I just called was
7 on our afternoon calendar, so this case has been
8 moved up. And Case No. 18-CMP-00131 is not on
9 our calendar for the day.

10 It is my understanding it is on our
11 calendar for a later case in the month, but could
12 the parties, please, identify themselves for the
13 record, please?

14 MS. YOHANNES: Sidon Yohannes on
15 behalf of the licensee.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
17 Ms. Yohannes.

18 MS. SCHMIDT: Good morning. Amy
19 Schmidt, Assistant Attorney General, on behalf of
20 the District of Columbia.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
22 Ms. Schmidt.

1 Okay. So for Case No. 18-CMP-00140,
2 are there any preliminary matters?

3 MS. SCHMIDT: Yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what is
5 that, ma'am?

6 MS. SCHMIDT: With respect to 00140,
7 I just want to make sure I have the correct
8 preliminary matter here. Oh, this is to be a
9 warning. This case --

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, Case No.
11 18-CMP-00140.

12 MS. SCHMIDT: That's what I have for
13 this case. Let me check again to make sure.
14 Yeah.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This is the
16 case that was on our calendar for --

17 MS. SCHMIDT: Yes, and that's supposed
18 to be a warning for today. The other case is
19 142, there is a fine for --

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

21 MS. SCHMIDT: -- 142.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So

1 for Case No. 00140, you are saying there is a
2 warning for this case?

3 MS. SCHMIDT: Yeah, a warning for the
4 increased occupancy in the summer garden.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Ms.
6 Yohannes, it's my understanding that there is an
7 Offer in Compromise and for Case No. 18-CMP-
8 00140, that the Offer in Compromise is a warning.
9 Is that your understanding of the Offer in
10 Compromise?

11 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, that is.

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

15 MS. YOHANNES: Yes.

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

20 MS. YOHANNES: Yes.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: With that said
22 then, I make a motion that the Offer in

1 Compromise be accepted for 18-CMP-00140, The
2 Blaguard, that a warning be issued. Is there a
3 second?

4 MEMBER CATO: Second.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato has
6 seconded the motion.

7 All those in favor say aye.

8 ALL: Aye.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?
10 The matter passed 6-0-0.

11 The next matter is Case No. 18-CMP-
12 00131.

13 Are there any preliminary matters in
14 this case?

15 MS. SCHMIDT: Yes. In this case, the
16 licensee has agreed to pay \$1,250 within 30 days.
17 And if this fine is not paid within 30 days, this
18 license shall be suspended indefinitely until
19 this fine is paid.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. And, Ms.
21 Yohannes, it's my understanding that for Case No.
22 18-CMP-00131 that in this particular case, the

1 parties have agreed for a fine of \$1,250 payable
2 within 30 days. If the fine is not payable in 30
3 days, the license will be suspended. Is this
4 your understanding of the Offer in Compromise?

5 MS. YOHANNES: Yes.

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

9 MS. YOHANNES: Yes.

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

14 MS. YOHANNES: Yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: With that said,
16 I then make a motion that the Offer in Compromise
17 of a fine of \$1,250 be accepted, payable in 30
18 days be accepted. If the fine is not payable in
19 30 days, the license will be suspended until the
20 fine has been paid. Is there a second?

21 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Silverstein

1 has seconded the motion.

2 All those in favor say aye.

3 ALL: Aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?

5 The matter passed 6-0-0.

6 Thank you.

7 MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So I'll have
9 you sign-off on the paperwork. We will issue a
10 Board Order on both of these matters. Thank you.

11 (Whereupon, the Show Cause Hearing was
12 concluded at 10:18 a.m.)

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