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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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DC Four Lessee, LLC :  
t/a Hotel Helix : Show Cause  
1430 Rhode Island Ave., NW : Hearing  
Retailer CH - ANC-2F : (Status)  
License No. 79243 :  
Case #11-CMP-00148 :  
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(Failed to Frame the License :  
Under Glass & Post in a :  
Conspicuous Place) :  
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January 11, 2012

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson

Ruthanne Miller, presiding.

PRESENT:  
RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson  
NICK ALBERTI, Member

DONALD BROOKS, Member  
HERMAN JONES, Member  
CALVIN NOPHLIN, Member  
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member  
JEANNETTE MOBLEY, Member

ALSO PRESENT:  
  
MICHAEL STERN, OAG

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(10:41 a.m.)

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. The next case is another Show Cause (Status) Hearing. It is Case No. 11-CMP-00148 of DC Four Lessee, LLC t/a Hotel Helix, License No. 79243.

MR. ADAMSON: Good morning, James Adamson, General Manager of Hotel Helix.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: What's your name again, sir?

MR. ADAMSON: James Adamson, A-D-A-M-S-O-N.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. You are the general manager?

MR. ADAMSON: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And do you have a letter with you authorizing you to speak for the company?

MR. ADAMSON: No, I don't.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I'll probably ask you to cure that later. If you

1 could submit one later?

2 MR. ADAMSON: Sure.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Can you tell  
4 me what authorization you have for the  
5 company?

6 MR. ADAMSON: Well, as general  
7 manager, I run the Hotel Helix, which is owned  
8 by LaSalle Hotel Properties.

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes, okay.

10 MR. ADAMSON: A representative of  
11 the hotel specifically. I also represent the  
12 management company, Kimpton Hotels, which runs  
13 the hotel and bar.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Mr.  
15 Stern, are there any preliminary matters?

16 MR. STERN: Well, we had spoken  
17 about a settlement to this, but in light of  
18 the fact that we don't have authorization now,  
19 perhaps it would just be better to bring this  
20 back when he has authorization to enter into  
21 an agreement.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

1 MEMBER ALBERTI: May I ask, Madam  
2 Chair --

3 MR. STERN: For the trial date,  
4 perhaps.

5 MEMBER ALBERTI: When could you  
6 have a letter of authorization submitted,  
7 prepared and submitted to the Board, sir?

8 MR. ADAMSON: Within a couple of  
9 hours.

10 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. So, Mr.  
11 Stern, do you still object to moving forward?

12 MR. STERN: It's not that I object  
13 to how much time it's going to take. It's  
14 that if we enter it before he has  
15 authorization, it -- I don't believe it will  
16 be valid until he is authorized to accept or  
17 speak on behalf of the board.

18 It could be two hours or three  
19 days, it doesn't really matter.

20 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. We will  
21 continue it.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Stern, do

1 you want to set this for status for next week?

2 MR. STERN: That would be fine as  
3 well.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Is that all  
5 right with you, sir?

6 MR. ADAMSON: It would depend on  
7 the day.

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: What?

9 MR. ADAMSON: It would depend on  
10 the day. Is there a specific day or time?

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: It's 9:30,  
12 same time.

13 MR. ADAMSON: That's fine.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: That's okay  
15 with you?

16 MR. ADAMSON: Sure.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right.  
18 So that's what we will do. We will move this  
19 to next week same time.

20 MR. ADAMSON: Fantastic.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So you would  
22 need to bring a letter from the owner

1 authorizing you to act on their behalf.

2 MR. ADAMSON: Okay. That wasn't  
3 made clear to me in the documentation that I  
4 received from the city, so I'll do that in the  
5 future.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: We will look  
7 at that. Okay.

8 MEMBER ALBERTI: Mr. Jones has a  
9 question.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Jones,  
11 yes?

12 MEMBER JONES: Thank you, Madam  
13 Chair. Just for clarification, if you get a  
14 letter, you can have it faxed and send it in  
15 in advance as well as bring a copy, but you  
16 don't necessarily have to just show up here  
17 with it in your hand. It would behoove you to  
18 have it here sooner rather than later. If you  
19 -- whatever process you want to follow, that's  
20 just an option for you.

21 MR. ADAMSON: Thank you. All  
22 right.

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CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So  
that concludes this case.

MR. ADAMSON: Appreciate it.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.  
We will see you next week.

MR. ADAMSON: Okay.

(Whereupon, the Show Cause  
(Status) Hearing in the above-entitled matter  
was concluded at 10:45 a.m.)

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